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# VICTORIA SEEKS BERTH IN PSL

And now  
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Tommy Cumming (pictured) of Essendon Croatia became favorite for the Rothmans Medal when he won the Bill Fleming Medal as the Victorian Player of the Year last Sunday.

Votes for the Bill Fleming Medal are cast by members of the Victorian Press.

The Rothmans Medal is decided on referees' votes. It will be presented at the Southern Cross Hotel on Friday, October 6.

Bill Fleming originated the old Argus Medal in 1954. It was the first official best player award for the Victorian State League.

When the VSL accepted Rothman's sponsorship of a new medal, Victorian soccer writers decided to perpetuate Fleming's name in a Press award.

Tommy Cumming, 22, was the unanimous choice of a panel of seven writers who voted for this year's winner.

Hakoah goalkeeper Bill Whitehead came second and Ringwood City centre back David Garthwaite finished third. Other candidates were John Webb, Rob Cullen, Jim Paparas (George Cross); Jeff Fawcner (Makedonia); Steve Short, John Yzendoorn, Jim Paton (Slavia) and Eddie Kmcovic (Croatia).

Cumming joined Sunshine City in 1976 from Scottish junior league club Johnston Borough.

Cumming had only one season of junior league football after stepping up from juvenile ranks. When no offers came from higher league clubs, he decided to try his luck in Melbourne.

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• Duel of the champions — Essendon Croatia's mighty centre back Steve Kokoska (left) and Dixie Deans of Adelaide City contest a high ball. Deans left the field during the second half of the Philips Cup game after being injured in a tackle by Kokoska. Picture by SAM BELFONTE

## Melbourne, Sydney out of the Cup

Adelaide and Brisbane are the venues for the Philips Cup semi-finals on Sunday.

Brisbane City meets Newcastle United at Perry Park and Adelaide City takes on Canberra at the Olympic Sports Field.

The biggest cities — Sydney and Melbourne — have no representatives in the semi-finals, as Hakoah was knocked out last Sunday by Brisbane City while Essendon Croatia lost to Adelaide City and Fitzroy lost to Canberra.

Brisbane City has played all its games at home so far.

The Cup holder managed to beat Hakoah 3-0 on home ground, so it is favored to also beat Newcastle. The result of the other match is anyone's guess.

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## Croatia to meet State under 19s

The Victorian under 19 team will play against Essendon Croatia at Olympic Park tomorrow (Thursday) at 4 pm.

National coach Rudi Gutendorf will be there to assess candidates for the Australian under 19 team which will compete in the qualifying games for the world youth championships in November.

Victorian State League clubs Preston and Juventus will apply for membership of the Philips League.

They are both convinced that the league will be increased from 14 to 16 clubs next year.

Indeed, it appears certain that Wollongong will be admitted, leaving one vacancy to be filled to avoid the necessity of a bye.

There have been two applications from Canberra.

One is from Croatia which has been offered \$70,000 sponsorship by a brewery and the other is from Juventus and Inter-Monaro which want to run a combined team.

Preston, boasting excellent headquarters at Connor Reserve in Reservoir, has appointed well-known Tony Vrzina as its manager.

Vrzina said this week: "Preston is the strongest non-PSL club in Victoria and it has a great future now that it has moved into a new area away from opposition from other soccer or Australian Rules clubs.

"Our excellent ground facilities, our strong crowd support and a nucleus of good players gives us a head start but of course a lot of things remain to be done.

"In the present circumstances, no Victorian club is quite strong enough for the PSL.

"Even some clubs already in the big league are in danger if they don't accept necessary changes.

"It is up to us to make such changes. When we complete them there will be no reason for us not to be accepted to the PSL."

Club official Branko Trajanovski said: "Preston will do everything possible to update its administration and to get local Preston people involved."

Vrzina said Preston would work on a nursery scheme whereby surrounding clubs in lower divisions come under Preston's "umbrella". Young players from such clubs could move into the PSL club when they are ready and former PSL players could be made available for the lower league clubs.

A close relationship with other clubs would ensure that

Kodak and Goodyear Tyres for major sponsorship.

Juventus, celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, is forming a new board of management which includes leading community figures including a judge.

Secretary Rocco Di Zio said Juventus was negotiating with the Northcote Council for a new ground in the suburb of Northcote.

"In my opinion Juventus has a better chance than any other Victorian club of getting the support needed to do well in the Philips League," Di Zio said.



Preston manager Tony Vrzina

those clubs' supporters go to Preston's home games.

Mr Trajanovski said Preston had approached

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## CHALDI BEST COACH: ADAM

The ASPA Coach of the Year award should go to Hakoah's Gerry Chaldi.

So says Jim Adam, himself in the running for the award after having taken West Adelaide to the Philips League title.

"Gerry Chaldi is one of the most underrated coaches in Australia," Adam said this week.

"He is a very pleasant person with many hidden qualities. He has proved himself worthy of the prestigious Coach of the Year award.

"I would be very happy for Gerry to win the award. I intend to make its acquaintance next year."

The Coach of the Year award will be one of various trophies presented at the Australian Soccer Press Association awards night at the Wentworth Hotel in Sydney on October 12.

Jim Adam's choice for the Player of the Year award is Peter Boyle of West Adelaide.

"Peter is a straight talker and a real coach's player who is co-operative during training," Adam said.

"A very positive person, Boyle is much like another great player, Jimmy Rooney, and you can't get a better recommendation than that."

West Adelaide will play against the South Australian under 19s at Hindmarsh Stadium tonight (Wednesday) in a match arranged to help national coach Rudi Gutendorf assess candidates for the national A and under 19 teams.

Jim Adam believes three of West Adelaide's younger players are destined for representative honors.

They are David Jones — "a worthy successor to Peter Wilson" — Marty Crook — "potentially the best young goalkeeper in Australia" — and Vic Bozanic — "a player of real class who should make the left back position his own".



JIM ADAM



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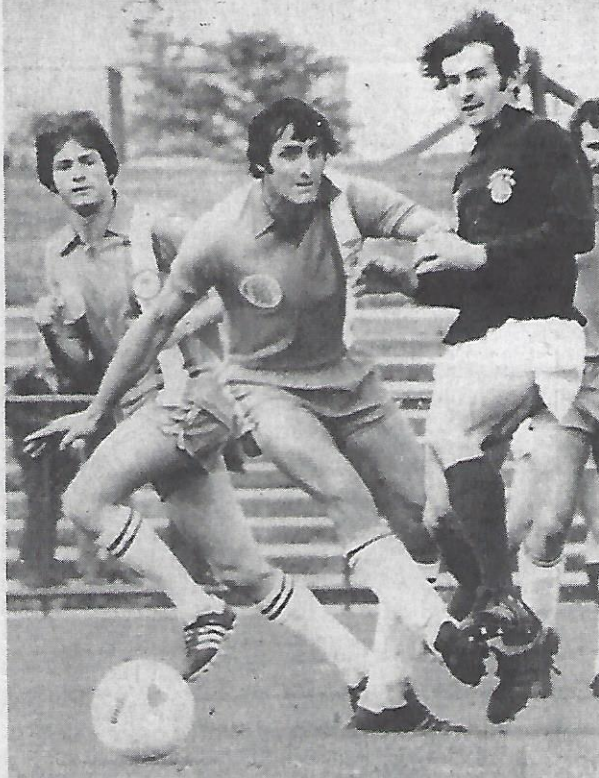
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# Can Picioane be like Mazzola?



Footscray's Joe Picioane (right) — he has the qualities that could make him the playmaker of the national team, says Rale Rasic. Tackling Picioane is Brisbane Lions' Col Bennett, the stopper of the national team.

The general opinion is that Australia falls down at international level because we lack good strikers. I disagree. It is playmakers that we lack.

A good playmaker in mid-field does the feeding. The striker does the swallowing. Without being fed, what is there for the striker to swallow?

At the moment, the tendency is to kick the ball and hope for the best. That is not enough.

Roberto Vieri of Marconi is the one outstanding playmaker in this country.

To have a successful national team, Rudi Gutendorf has to look for players who are at least a little like Vieri.

Ludislav Kubala, coach of Spain, says the biggest problem facing world football is the shortage of good midfield playmakers.

In the past, we had Hidegkuti, Fritz Walter, DiStefano, Suarez, Bobby Charlton, Beckenbauer, Overth, Rivers, Mazzola — but where are the generals of today?

I repeat — it is midfield playmakers that Australia is crying out for — not strikers.



**RALE RASIC**

Most goals scored in the Phillips League are the result of defensive blunders, rather than good build-up play. The reason is that we have a shortage of players with the ability to construct such build-ups.

But before I go on, allow me to make a quick comment about strikers. They are not players who stand around up front waiting for a chance to shoot at goal. The modern striker is a hard runner who can participate all over the field and who can challenge for the ball on the ground and in the air as well as score goals. But in the final analysis, it does not matter whether the goals come from strikers, midfielders, full backs or even centre backs. Any of these players can score providing there is a playmaker who can create the chances.

In looking for a playmaker for the national team, we should look to a type like Joe Picioane of Footscray.

He has incredible skill, he plays some unbelievable through passes, he is cheeky — a real devil on the field, a devil who can do as he likes on a good day.

In Picioane's case, all he needs is more personal discipline.

Peter Boyle of West Adelaide also comes close to the classification of midfield playmaker.

He has fantastic rhythm but he is more an aggressive, offensive type rather than a man who can stand on the ball, and organise his fellows.

Jimmy Rooney of Marconi is still a great match-maker, John Stevenson of Hakoah is a dominant figure and Peter Stone of Western Suburbs may fit into this category to a certain extent, although he doesn't dictate play as much as he should.

Obviously matchmakers need special schooling. In looking for someone to imitate, they can go no further than Vieri.

Branko Buljevic of Fitzroy is also a good playmaker, although he plays on the flank, as is Attila Abonyi of Sydney Croatia.

But of all these Picioane seems to have the best future, providing, as I have said, he develops more self discipline.

He has superior physical qualities, tremendous rhythm, the ability to pull the ball back and to hold it in attack, and of course he can advance with little problem in a one-against-one situation.

Ian Stone of Croatia must be watched closely. He has super technique and he has youth and height in his favor.

And, as I have said, Buljevic can't be discarded even now. The importance of good playmakers becomes evident when we have a look at the performances of our top PSL teams.

Hakoah has outstanding midfielders in John Stevenson, Ian Souness and Murray Barnes; Marconi was at its best when the trio of Vieri, Rooney and Gary Byrne was intact. Footscray topped the giants when Picioane, Mirko Buljevic and Zoran Ljosek were at their best, and it was the midfield of Neil McGahey, Graham Honeyman and Peter Boyle that won the championship for West Adelaide.

Adelaide City was firing last year due to the dominance of Agenor Muniz, John Porin and Gary Marocchi. When that trio was broken up by injuries this year, Adelaide City declined dramatically.

## Gutendorf's warning

National coach Rudi Gutendorf sounded a warning to clubs hoping to have players included among the Socceroos when he met PSL coaches in Sydney last week.

"You may be disappointed," Gutendorf told them.

"For I will pick the best available players, even if all 11 come from the one club."

He said quite rightly, that the best national teams over the years have always been based on one or two clubs.

Germany was based on Bayern Munich and Moenchengladbach, Hungary on Honved, Ferencvaros and MTK, Holland on Ajax, Feyenoord and Eindhoven, Yugoslavia on Red Star and Partizan, Italy on Juventus, Spain on Real Madrid and Barcelona, the best England team was based on Manchester United.

And the best Australian team was based on St. George.

Leading up to the 1974 World Cup finals, there were 11 St. George men in the national squad—Doug Utjesenovic, Manfred Schaefer, Johnny Warren, Harry Williams, Bobby Hogg, Jim Fraser, Adrian Alston, Attila Abonyi, Alan Ainslie, Mike Denton, and Don Sandell.

Incidentally, the response of the PSL coaches towards Gutendorf was terrific. They have all pledged to support him.

Everyone is painfully aware of how much we have lost by not qualifying for the World Cup finals last time.

Everyone also realises that Australian soccer could have achieved a lot more had we fully promoted and fully exploited our glory of 1974.

Coaches agree that there should be permanent national under 16, under 18, under 19 and under 21 squads to serve as nurseries for the senior national team, as is the case all over the world.

Of the current crop of young players, I like George Christopoulos who is already hot stuff at South Melbourne, Eddie Krnojevic who is making a big name for himself with Essendon Croatia, and Peter Raskopoulos the powerful midfielder of Sydney Olympic.

And of course, there is the talented Canberra trio of Danny Moulis, Mike Milovanovic and Steven Hogg.

The "not-so-youngs" who are certainly under consideration for the national squad are Peter Sharnie (Marconi), Murray Barnes (Hakoah), Kevin Mullen (Hakoah), Paul Degney



**National Coach Rudi Gutendorf**



**Sandro Mazzola of Italy — he was one of the greatest play-makers.**



**Marconi's Jimmy Rooney — still one of Australia's best play-makers.**



**Hakoah's John Stevenson (left), in his debut for Australia, leads Koridogeorgakis of Greece in a chase for the ball.**

(Marconi) and Mark Jankovics (Marconi) Murray Barnes can become a real trump card. All he needs is a little more maturity and polish.

## Well done, Hakoah

My compliments go to Hakoah on winning the PSL grand final with some exhilarating football.

Marconi was leading 1-0 but Hakoah scored three quick goals to show just what great a team it really is and how talented are players like Murray Barnes, Kevin Mullen and Mark Trenter who played only because Eddie Thomson was serving a suspension.

Hakoah's players and their coach Gerry Chaldi have been in this business a long time. They know exactly what is necessary to win big games — and they produce it!

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coach Gerry Chaldi have been in this business a long time. They know exactly what is necessary to win big games — and they produce it!

## Abonyi still a great of '74

A soccer fan from West Germany has sent Attila Abonyi a letter, asking for his autograph.

The fan said he admired Abonyi greatly during the 1974 World Cup finals in Germany.

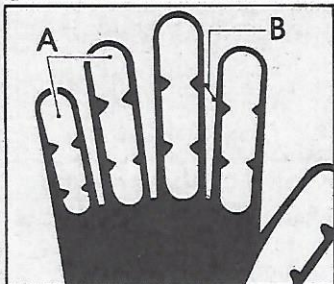
It just goes to show how big a mark the Socceroos left on the German public when a fan remembers one of our players as a super star four years after having seen him.

By the way, I congratulate Abonyi on the thoroughly professional job he has done as player-coach of Sydney Croatia. There is no doubt Abonyi has a big future in coaching.

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**Branko Buljevic of Fitzroy should not be left out of calculations for the national squad, says Rale Rasic.**



**Western Suburbs' Peter Stone — a fine midfielder who, however, must learn to dictate play to a greater extent.**





● George Cross midfielder Billy Wilkinson turns on the ball in front of Hakoah's Ian Gibson.

# George Cross favorite in Cup final

By KYLE PATTERSON



● Jim Paparas of George Cross gets past fallen defender Les Owens of Hakoah.

George Cross has made a dramatic late bid for a big slice of Victoria's top soccer honors.

After sitting in a mid-table position for most of the season, Georgie catapulted into third position at the 11th hour to qualify for the top four series.

And after Essendon Croatia's shock exit from the Dockerty Cup, the Cross is firm favorite to lift the trophy when it meets Ringwood City in the final this Sunday (October 1) at Olympic Park, kick-off 5 p.m.

Last season George Cross won the State League championship and the State League

Cup and after the upheavals within the club this year, gaining similar success would be a remarkable achievement.

George Cross reached the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup last year, but hasn't won the trophy since 1962. The cup was also Cross property in 1959.

For Ringwood, the 1978 season has been bitterly disappointing, and not even winning the Dockerty Cup would erase the stigma of finishing in last place.

Ringwood, contrary to popular opinion, isn't doomed to relegation, however, and may be saved by the proposed amalgamation between Sunshine City and Albion Leyland.

Ringwood City last won the Dockerty Cup in 1958, under the name Ringwood Wilhemina.

Success in Victoria's premier knock-out competition would be a great consolation for Ringwood.

But assessing Ringwood's chances is

almost impossible. Will the City boys fall back into their old form, or continue to play in the manner they did in overcoming league champion Essendon?

I doubt if Ringwood could play as well as it did against Croatia, but that victory has given the team a shot in the arm and the players have been rejuvenated.

Ringwood will fight all the way against George Cross, but will that be enough?

The Cross' coach Johnny Sanchez is a man of few words but his team's performances have been doing the talking for him.

In Robert Cullen, Ken Reed and the fast-improving Jim Paparas, George Cross has a hard-working and mobile forward line.

That's Georgie's strongest asset and Dave Garthwaite and Keith Adams will have to perform heroics, as they did against Croatia, to keep the trio at bay.

Ringwood's midfield doesn't look convincing on paper but John O'Callaghan has

the ability and determination to lift his side in this department.

Ringwood supporters are speculating on whether wayward midfielder ace Willie Coulson will return for the Cup final.

The Cross' midfield is a capable one, with big Tony Castiello a stumbling block for any member of the opposition.

The George Cross defence has tons of experience in the lanky John Webb and the sturdy Norm Maitland. Aided by full backs Derek Barron and Phil Cutajar, the two centre halves will make the going tough for Ringwood's John Lyten and Brian Thom.

Ringwood will start as underdog, but then that's nothing new.

George Cross will have to make sure it doesn't fall into the same trap Croatia did and underestimate Ringwood.

● The Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup final will be played as a curtain raiser to the Dockerty Cup.

## DOCKERTY CUP SEMI-FINALS WITH KYLE PATTERSON

### DOCKERTY CUP WINNERS

1909 Carlton United.	1941 Moreland.
1910 Carlton United.	1942 Prahran.
1911 St. Kilda.	1943 Brighton.
1912 Williamstown.	1944 Brighton.
1913 Yarraville.	1945 Moreland Hakoah.
1914 Melbourne Thistle.	1946 Prahran.
1915 Melbourne Thistle.	1947 South Yarra.
1916 Melbourne Thistle.	1948 Park Rangers.
1917 First World War.	1949 Park Rangers.
1918	1950 Moreland.
1919 Footscray Thistle.	1951 J.U.S.T.
1920	1952 Brighton.
Finalists: Albert Park and Northumberland and Durham.	1953 Hakoah.
(game abandoned).	1954 Hakoah.
1921 Northumberland and Durham.	1955 Hakoah.
1922 Albert Park.	1956 Hakoah.
1923 St. Kilda.	1957 Moreland.
1924 Navy.	1958 Ringwood City.
1925 Melbourne Thistle.	1959 George Cross.
1926 Navy.	1960 Juventus.
1927 Footscray Thistle.	1961 Polonia.
1928 Navy.	1962 George Cross.
1929 Footscray Thistle.	1963 J.U.S.T.
1930 Footscray Thistle.	1964 Slavia.
1931 Wonthaggi Magpies.	1965 Slavia.
1932 Footscray Thistle.	1966 Hakoah.
1933 Brighton.	1967 Slavia.
1934 Royal Cadonians.	1968 Croatia.
1935 Hakoah.	1969 Croatia.
1936 Royal Cadonians.	1970 Juventus.
1937 Brighton.	1971 Juventus.
1938 Novels.	1972 Juventus.
1939 I.C.I. (formerly Mabel).	1973 Hakoah.
1940 I.C.I.	1974 St. Mel's. Hellas.
	1975 St. Mel's. Hellas.
	1976 J.U.S.T.
	1977 Juventus.

## Croydon's dream is shattered

GEORGE CROSS 1 (Paparas 77th min) CROYDON CITY 0.

**Ratings:** GEORGE CROSS: Rice 7, Cutajar 6, Maitland 7, Webb 7, Barron 8, Wilkinson 6 injured (Mitsud), Castiello 6, Mirak 6, Cullen 7, Reed 6, Paparas 7.

**CROYDON:** Edwards 6, Sinclair 6, Pongho 7, McCombe 7, Spink 8, Trant 6, Smith 7, Murphy 7, Lowrey 6, Hamilton 6, Whyllie 7.

The grit of George Cross won the Maitland club a place in the Dockerty Cup final ahead of Croydon City, and ended the eastern suburban club's dream of becoming the first non-State League team to win the cup.

Croydon played more attractive soccer than the Cross but Georgie was always threatening with its hit-and-run counter attacks.

And when Georgie finally caught Croydon with a goal from Jim Paparas, coach Johnny Sanchez instructed his side to 'shut up shop' and maintain the one-goal lead.

George Cross followed the orders and cruised home comfortably, despite spending most of the last 10 minutes pinned in its own half.

Croydon fired away in a desperate bid to get an equaliser but the Cross had the game in its keeping.

After an even start Croydon came to life during a 20 minute period midway through the first half.

With Jimmy Spink, Charlie Murphy and Jim Syllie 'burning' on the left flank, Croydon looked impressive.

City had chances when Whyllie jumped on a mistake by Norm

Maitland and centred for Roy Hamilton, but he delayed too long and was robbed, and then Pat Lowrey shot just wide from a free kick.

A Hamilton nod-on gave Joe Trant space in the area but he was quickly challenged.

Georgie had one good attack during Croydon's purple patch — Robert Cullen's header was just over after Croydon keeper Mick Edwards had only half cleared Barron's cross — before creating the two best chances of the half.

Derek Barron, easily George Cross' best player, overlapped from left back and sent over a great cross for Cullen to head from close range and bring a brilliant save from Edwards.

The blond full back then cracked a long-range shot goal which Edwards could only parry, and Croydon was lucky to scramble the ball away.

These efforts came just before half time but after the interval Croydon had chances when Murphy shot over the bar and Hamilton found space to head Alan Pongho's cross at goal.

Duncan Smith was doing a lot of running and Joe Trant came into the game after a mediocre start.

But Georgie, despite losing the midfield, had better goalkeeping chances and was unlucky not to get a penalty when McCombe upended Paparas.

Paparas had the last word when two minutes later he fired home a left foot shot after Ken Reed had flicked Barron's free kick to the far post.

## J.U.S.T.'s BEST TO GET \$1000

Footscray J.U.S.T.'s best player will receive \$1000 donated by Michael Spencer who runs Riviere Motors and West Footscray Motors in Geelong Road.

The best player of 1978 will be named at J.U.S.T.'s presentation night at the Vineyard Restaurant on October 11.

Michael Spencer is Zdravko Lujic, Jim Kondorovic, Mirko Rujovic and Dennis Boland.

J.U.S.T. president Tony Kovac said this week: "We are very grateful to Michael Spencer for sponsoring our best player award in such a big way. We look forward to a close association with him in future years."

Michael Spencer, known by his original surname, Alipovski, when he played for J.U.S.T.'s juniors from 1964 to 1970. In 1969 he won the under 18 best player award. He was a midfielder.

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## Garthwaite the hero

RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Thom 37th min, Kupnic 74th min) ESSENDON CROATIA 1 (Culina 76th min).

**Ratings:** RINGWOOD: Wilding 7, Adams 8, Carnaby 7, Garthwaite 9, De Bruyckere 7, Anderson 6, Kupnic 7, O'Callaghan 7, Plumb 6, Lupton 7, Thom 7.

**CROATIA:** Banovic 7, Smart 6, Kokoska 6, Gardiner 6, Bilaver 5, Kerr 7, Andrews 7, Murphy 5, Davidson 5, Krncevic 6, Vojteck injured (Culina 8).

Essendon Croatia underestimated the pride and fighting qualities of the Ringwood City players and paid dearly for it in their Dockerty Cup semi-final.

No-one would have imagined Ringwood bouncing back after two weeks of internal strife and poor on-field performances.

The Croatia players didn't fight for the ball, nor support each other and deserved to lose.

The stars for Ringwood were David Garthwaite, Keith Adams, John Lyten and John O'Callaghan. But Mike Kupnic deserves a special mention. The former Footscray

and Croydon defender has struggled this season, but soldiered on regardless.

He played well above himself against Croatia, as did most of the Ringwood players and his brilliant goal in the 74th minute capped off a memorable game.

Ringwood hasn't won a game for two months before this Dockerty Cup semi-final, but after taking the initiative early on, refused to give in.

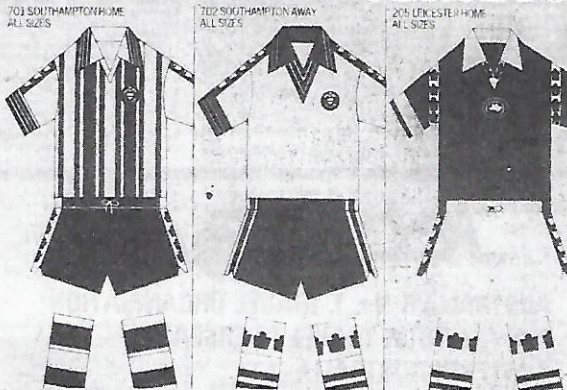
Brian Thom smashed home a long range goal in the 37th minute to give Ringwood the lead but magnificent defending by Garthwaite, supported by Adams, denied Croatia an equaliser.

Eddie Krncevic got the ball into the back of the net, but the goal was disallowed for offside and soon after Kupnic made it 2-0.

Branko Culina pulled one back for Essendon but Ringwood had its tail up and held on to win.

Club president John van Hoboken (sen) was in Perth for the week and missed Ringwood's triumph.

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CROATIA: Banovic 8, Smart 7, Gardiner 8, Kokoska 8, Bilever 8, Kerr 8, Murphy 8, Andrews 6, Cumming 6 injured (Davidson 7, half time, Krncevic 6, Vojtek 6).

By KYLE PATTERSON

After living in a dreamland of success for most of this season, Essendon Croatia was brought back to reality during the past week.

In the past seven days, Croatia has been knocked out of two Cup competitions and will be struggling to suppress challenges from Preston, Melbourne, George Cross and Hakoah. St. Kilda among the four teams battle for the Victorian State League Cup, which starts on October 8.

So Essendon may finish the season with only two trophies — the Ampol Cup and State League championship — after being a good bet to lift four honors (excluding the Philips Cup) a couple of weeks ago.

Croatia's slide began last Wednesday when it was humbled 2-1 by relegation-bound State League team Ringwood City in the semi-finals of the Dockery Cup.

Four days after that whitewash, Croatia was again outed when Adelaide City triumphed in their Philips Cup quarter-final.

However, unlike the Ringwood game, Croatia wasn't disgraced in defeat against Adelaide City.

In fact, it was the South Australian PSL club which had its reputation tarnished.

In all fairness, Croatia didn't deserve to lose to Adelaide City, and indeed there may have been a different result had Essendon's star winger, Tommy Cumming, not been injured and forced to leave the pitch at half time.

Cumming took the field with a groin injury after much persuasion, but the tiny Scottish winger never looked comfortable.

To make matters worse for Croatia, its other main hope in the forward line, Eddie Krncevic, failed to rise above the ordinary.

The forward line was the only area in which Essendon fell down. The team's midfield and defence played their part but Croatia's strikers lacked the bite to prise open the Adelaide City defence, partly because they didn't get enough support from their midfielders.

Adelaide City was a disappointment. Croatia matched the S.A. team for most of the game and it was unfortunate to see two of Australia's most skillful players Agnor Muncie and Johnny

Perin resort to crude tactics in a bid to turn the tide their way.

Brian Northcote, and Johnny and Buggy Nyskohus showed their class but apart from those three Adelaide City didn't impress as being superior to its non-PSL opponent.

If anything it was Adelaide City's greater experience at playing high-pressure soccer, and its light-marking defence, that saw it through.

I'm not saying that Adelaide City was lucky to win. The PSL team played quite well but Essendon played equally as well and at least deserved to take City into extra time.

Essendon must be praised for its fighting spirit. The players lifted themselves out of the doldrums of the Dockery Cup debacle and played with determination and purpose, bottling up Adelaide with a defensive strategy.

Croatia's John Gardiner, Yekka Banovic, Ken Murphy, Steve Kokoska and Alan Kerr showed they could hold their own in PSL company.

But Croatia would be bitterly disappointed that it didn't get more reward for its effort.

The game was played at a brisk pace for the first 10 minutes, with Essendon's forwards applying pressure to Adelaide City's back four by hounding the defenders as soon as Croatia lost possession.

This hard graft by Croatia's Bill Vojtek, Cumming and Krncevic paid dividends, as many of the Adelaide backmen's passes were astray in the first half an hour.

Kerr was given the task of marking Muncie when Croatia didn't have possession and it was soon obvious that the pair would be clashing at regular intervals.

Further afield, the duel between Croatia's Kokoska and Dide Deans was just as interesting. Croatia was impressive in the opening, with Kerr, Ken Murphy and Howard Andrews working like Trojan in the midfield, and defenders Ante Bilever, Grant Smart, Kokoska and Howard Andrews sweeping all before them.

Croatia buzzed with enthusiasm and



John Nyskohus, scorer of Adelaide City's winning goal against Essendon Croatia, does a swallow dive at the ball, warding off Ken Murphy and Howard Andrews in the process. In the background are referee Richard Lorenz and Sergio Melita. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.

It was a while before Adelaide City placed together its game.

Perin and Marocchi both had below-average games.

It was only when Northcote switched into midfield in the second half that Adelaide City got any drive from its link-men.

The first chance of the game fell to Murphy, who shot wide after Cumming's challenge on John Beal.

John Nyskohus had Adelaide's first chance when he came off his marker and headed Muncie's corner over the bar in the 20th minute.

Croatia was worrying Adelaide with floated balls into the area and Murphy's corner in the 28th minute.

went across the face of the goal after Frank Lister and Krncevic had both missed heading it at the near post.

Adelaide's raids were more slick and controlled. City would strafe a couple of passes together before the final thrust, whereas Essendon was more direct when attacking.

These errors seemed to unsettle Gardiner but he still had a very good game at sweeper.

Croatia had a great chance to score in the 80th minute when Murphy broke from defence, then slipped the ball to Davidson, who beat Beale before cutting the ball back to Murphy.

The blond midfielder blasted at goal from 10 metres, but his shot was blocked, then Vojtek tried a shot, but Lister was in the way.

A minute later, Davidson again made good position, but shot widely. Essendon was looking impressive but Adelaide got the all-important goal in the 83rd minute.

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In the confusion, Gardiner failed to clear the ball, and it fell perfectly for Johnny Nyskohus to poke it home.

After going a goal down, Essendon didn't look like recovering.

Obviously Perin wasn't impressed by Kerr's ankle-tapping of Muncie.

The game came to life in the 50th minute when Krncevic jumped well to flick Gardiner's defensive clearance on to substitute Brian Davidson.

He took off towards goal but was stopped by a timely tackle from Beal. Soon after, Deans pulled a swifty on Gardiner as the two chased a long ball, but Kokoska was in swiftness to retrieve the situation.

In the 53rd minute, Deans had to leave the field, giving Kokoska a T.K.O. victory over the Adelaide striker.

But his replacement, Robert Marwe made up for Deans' absence. The lanky forward escaped Kokoska on a few occasions and was a real threat in the air.

He was narrowly wide in the 60th minute after Buggy Nyskohus had overlapped and crossed.

Croatia answered in the 65th minute when Andrews made a run from just inside his own half and fed the ball to Krncevic, whose shot from the edge of the area was half-blocked and presented Adelaide goalkeeper Peter Marache with no difficulties.

Davidson was worrying Adelaide left back Serge Malta with his pace and he made a nippy run towards goal in the 68th minute, before slipping the ball to Krncevic, who wasn't expecting the pass and was swamped by Lister.

Essendon was on top just after half time but Northcote posted a real threat. He wasn't plucked up in the midfield and enjoyed the freedom.

However, Adelaide came back with force in the 74th minute when Marwe was narrowly over with a header after a fine cross by Buggy Nyskohus.

It was Adelaide's turn to get on top, and it was only two brilliant saves in two minutes by Banovic that kept Croatia's chances alive.

Banovic made his first error of the match in the 78th minute when he gave the ball away near the corner flag while attempting to pass to a team mate. The ball was quickly centred to Northcote, who lashed a 25-metre shot at goal.

Banovic flung himself at the ball and palmed it away.

Another mistake by Gardiner, in the 80th minute, put Essendon under more pressure.

He attempted to back-head a long clearance from Marwe to Banovic, but the ball didn't carry.

The Croatia goalkeeper saw the danger early, and punched the ball clear from Johnny Nyskohus, who had read Gardiner's mind, and made position to intercept.

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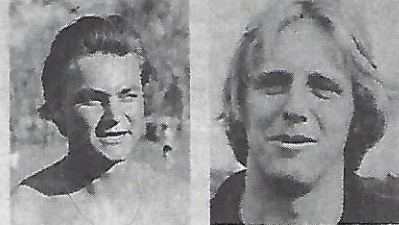
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Jim Cant

Gary Cole

## Fitzroy pipped in the death

CANBERRA CITY 1 (Cant) FITZROY ALEXANDER 1 (Cole) after extra time, Canberra won on penalties 5-4.

Ratings: CANBERRA: Tilsed 7, Salgado 7, Brown 7, Starke 7, (injured 56th, sub Grujic 7) Kawalewa 8, Cant 7, Henderson 8, Davies 7, Heywood 7, Stoddart 8, Byrne 7.

FITZROY: Marnier 7, McMillan 7, O'Reilly 7, Provan 7, Tansey 7, Taylor 7 (injured, sub Yankos 75th), Micevski 7 (Bozkas 7 half time), Campbell 8, Cole 8, Buljevic 8.

By PETER WINDSOR

Fitzroy-Alexander was leading 3-1 in the penalty showdown against Canberra but lost 4-5 when Theo Selemidis hit the crossbar.

With the scores locked at 1-1 after extra time, penalties were used to break the tie.

Fitzroy's goalkeeper Jim Marnier scored with the first penalty. He took all the penalties for his Scottish junior league club before coming to Australia this year.

Ivan Grujic, who had replaced injured Roy Starke in the 56th minute, levelled the score with his spot kick.

Branko Buljevic made it 2-1 for Fitzroy and then Marnier saved Terry Byrne's shot, giving Fitzroy what appeared to be a winning break.

Jim Campbell scored to make it 3-1 before Tony Henderson pulled the score back to 3-2.

Arthur McMillan was next for Fitzroy, but he hit the post! Luis Salgado equalised at 3-3 Gary Cole made it 4-3 and John Davies equalised again.

Having completed their initial sets of five penalties each, the teams now entered the sudden-death showdown.

Fitzroy started it disastrously with Selemidis hitting the bar. And so Brian Stoddart was left to win the game for Canberra by making no mistake with the final kick.

The final 5-4 penalty count was a fantastic end to a fantastic cup tie. In the half hour extra time period Fitzroy's enforced five-way leak-off since their last league game told and they looked a desperately tired team.

It was Fitzroy who were first to score when Canberra fullback John Brown made a badly timed backpass, allowing Gary Cole to beat Canberra keeper Ron Tilsed to the ball to score.

Canberra came straight back into attack and within minutes had two attempts scrambled off the Fitzroy goal line.

Jim Marnier looked suspect under pressure and just 30 seconds from the interval he failed to take cleanly a shot by Ian Heywood and Jimmy Cant was on hand to head the equaliser for Canberra.

Canberra had the better of the second half but there was really little to choose between either side.

Andrew Bozkas tested Tilsed with a great drive in the 68th minute and Tilsed did well to fist it away for a corner.

In the 70th minute, Ivan Grujic for Canberra City had his 20-metre shot hit the post and six minutes later had another attempt hit the crossbar.

And just one minute from fulltime a great shot from Brian Stoddart was tipped around the post by Marnier.

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## Swiss soccer

Geneva, results of eighth round matches in the Swiss Soccer first division championships:  
Chenols Geneva 2 St Gallen 1, Lausanne 4 Sion 2, Neuchâtel Xamax 0 Grasshoppers Zurich 0, Northern Basle 0 Servette Geneva 5, Young Boys Bern 2 Chassois 0, Zurich 1 Basle 1.

## East German

East Berlin, results in the first division of the East German soccer league:  
Carl Zeiss Jena 3 Chemie Halle 0, Wismar Ave. 2 Karl-Marx-Stadt 4, Sachsenring Zwickau 3 Dynamo Dresden 2, Union Berlin 2 Chemie Bohlen 1, Stahl Riesa 1 Dynamo Berlin 2, Hansa Rostock 1 Rot Weiss Erfurt 2, Lokomotiv Leipzig 3 FC Magdeburg 1, Dynamo Berlin lead the table with 12 points from six matches, followed by Rot Weiss Erfurt with 10, and Dynamo Dresden and Carl Zeiss Jena each with nine.

## Belgian scores

BRUSSELS, Results of the fifth round of Belgian First Division matches:  
Antwerp 0 Berchem 0, F.C. Liège 2 Courtrai 0, Lokeren 2 Charlevoix 0, Waregem 2 Standard Liège 2, Anderlecht 3 Uerse 0, Beerschot 3 Winterslag 0, Waterschei 1 Beveren 1, Le Louviere 4 RWD Molenbeek 0, Beringen 1 CS Bruges 1.

## Tbilisi leads

MOSCOW, — Results of the 24th series of matches in the Soviet Soccer League:  
Dynamo Kiev 0 Chernomorets Odessa 0, Lokomotiv Moscow 0, Dynamo Moscow 1, Pakhtakor Tashkent 3 Zent Leningrad 0, League Leaders: Dynamo Tbilisi 34 points, Shakhtyor Donetsk 32, Chernomorets Odessa 30, Dynamo Moscow 29, Dynamo Kiev and Torpedo Moscow 28.

## Out of city

South Melbourne Hellas will play off-season games in Geelong and Morwell, club president Sam Pappas says this week.  
He said he hoped these games would determine whether either city had the capacity to support a Phillips League club.

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# Brisbane City wins in shock of season

By BRUCE WADDELL

**BRISBANE CITY 3 (Kelso 2, Caldwell) EASTERN SUBURBS HAKOAH 0.** Philips Cup quarter-final at Perry Park, Brisbane. Crowd: 1500.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart 8, Rathmell 8, Ratcliffe 8, Perry 8, Lavelle 8, Pimblett 7, Kibbey 7, Coyne 7 (Echeverria 77th min), Caldwell 7 (Brusasco 77th min), Gaffney 9, Kelso 7.  
**EASTERN SUBURBS:** Clarke 7, Mullen 7 (Lershaw 77th min), O'Connor 7, (B. Smith 89th min), Thompson 7, Trenter 7, Barnes 6, Stevenson 6, Watson 7, T. Smith 5, Silva 7.

**Philips Cup holders Brisbane City again performed the impossible and earned a semi-final berth against Newcastle United by disposing of Eastern Suburbs Hakoah 3-0 in their quarter final at Perry Park.**

The result must be rated as one of the biggest if not the most amazing upset since the PSL began.

City, the league wooden-spooners this year, had to wait four weeks for this match, during which they played only two trial games, while Hakoah were kept in action and eventually won the Grand Final with a 4-2 win over Marconi.

But City's team of magnificent fighters have a tremendous cup reputation, a fact they proved last year, and they were obviously intent on retaining it at all costs.

The first half, honors went to Hakoah, but the Sydneysiders had nothing to show at the end of the 45 minutes.

They could well have, had not a riveting shot from Joe Watson not smacked the crossbar in the 10th minute.

With Watson and Hilton Silva in full flight, Hakoah pounded away at the city defence but it held firm, even though Terry Smith and Ernie Campbell had chances which whistled just wide.

Hakoah appealed for a penalty in the first session when City captain Ian Rathmell brought down Murray



Larry Gaffney

Barnes and then looked anxiously at Melbourne referee Stuart Mellings.

It was practically all Hakoah up until the break, with City having only two chances.

John Coyne darted through and troubled Todd Clarke, and Barry Kelso nodded down a Frank Pimblett free kick for Brian Kibbey, with the goal at his mercy, to head into Clarke's arms.

The second half was a different story. City turned with the wind at their backs and after only three minutes they were 1-0 up with a penalty from Kevin Caldwell.

Rathmell pumped a high ball out wide to the left. Larry Gaffney chested it down and

as he prepared to work the ball in was floored by Kevin Mullen. Caldwell thumped the ball home.

That goal signalled the beginning of a long and bitter running battle between Caldwell and Hakoah's Eddie Thompson, which Mellings eventually had to settle with a lengthy talk to both players.

Then Hakoah hit their straps and probably could have sealed the match but for a succession of brilliant saves by the bulky Kim Wishart, who dived full length to deflect shots from Watson, Barnes and Mark Trenter.

Left back John Lavelle also weighed in during this difficult period by clearing a shot off the line following a goalmouth scramble.

In the 77th minute, Hakoah missed what proved to be their last chance of getting back into the match when Terry Smith strode through the middle and with only Wishart to beat, shot frantically wide.

Then, in the 82nd minute City made sure of their historic victory with their second goal, which came out of the blue as Hakoah were pushing well up in search of the equaliser.

Gaffney cleared his lines and there were only two men back to cover Kelso as he ran from his own half after the ball.

Kelso got there at the same time as Campbell, challenged him strongly, and the ball rolled loose back towards Clarke.

Kelso charged on as Clarke came out, and calmly lobbed over the keeper's head from just outside the box.

Just to put the icing on the cake, Gaffney, City's man of the match, although almost walking, managed to swing a pass out to Kelso on the left.

The ungainly Kelso again showed his remarkable finish-

ing ability by having one shot blocked, before rounding his fullback and as Clarke came out, bending his shot gently out of reach and into the far corner.

It was a tremendous team effort, but the City men, who really worked themselves to a standstill were Rathmell, David Ratcliffe, Steve Perry, and leftback Lavelle.

Also in this category are Gaffney, Pimblett and Coyne, until replaced after he failed to recover fully from a Mullen tackle. But it was one worth suffering.



LEFT: A picture of Alston taken last year when he played for Canberra.



BELOW: Franz Beckenbauer is not happy with Adrian Alston (right). Peter Wilson (left) is making sure there's no trouble. The picture was taken as Germany and Australia left the field in Hamburg at half-time of their match during the 1974 World Cup finals.

## INJURY FINISHES ALSTON

Former Soccerroo Adrian "Noddy" Alston will never play football again.

## WARREN



Former national captain John Warren

This startling news was given to me by Alston himself when he phoned me this week from the U.S. where he is with the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Alston has been out of action with a serious knee injury for almost the entire recently-completed North American season.

Tampa Bay has sent him to England for specialist advice at Harley Street as well as to the many first class sporting specialists throughout the United States and all have expressed the same opinion — that Alston is suffering from serious cruciate ligament damage.

At this stage of his career — Alston is 30 next February — it is highly unlikely that surgery would enable him to play again.

Tampa Bay has claimed insurance on Alston — \$60,000 — and has paid him out the rest of his contract — up to the end of December.

He leaves the United States with his family this Friday, with his plane naturally very much up in the air.

He did indicate that he would undertake coaching courses in the UK and would still be interested in settling in Australia.

Alston played for South Coast United, St George and Canberra City in Australia, Luton Town in the English First Division and Cardiff City in the Third Division.

He played 36 full internationals for Australia — his first against Greece at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1969 (Australia won 1-0) and was one of the stars of Australia's 1974 World Cup campaign.

He has played for the past two seasons with the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the North American Soccer League.

Canberra City's superbly located new social club in East Row is enjoying boom trading in only its first month of operation thanks to the voluntary work of many enthusiastic supporters and club manager Con Moulis.

The club's ten poker machines are providing much needed finance and a further ten will be in operation shortly.

The larger new premises have enabled the club to hold business luncheons, special functions, disco nights and other promotional activities for not only supporters and club members but also

the busy day-time trade that exists in the area.

City is hopeful that three good trading months up to Christmas should see the club in a much healthier financial state come the start of the 1979 season.



Malcolm Fraser (centre) and from left, Canberra's Billy Smith, John Doyle, Tony Henderson, Jimmy Cant, Terry Byrne, Ivan Gruicic, Brian Stoddart, Ian Heywood, Victor Fernandez, Ron Tilsed, Roy Stark, John Brown, Johnny Warren. Front: Phil Reis, Steve Hogg, Bernie Lustica, David Lindemeyer.



Canberra City's patron, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, attended a cocktail party in his honor at the Canberra City Club recently. The PM met City officials, players and supporters during his three-hour visit. He is seen here with City officials (from left) Johnny Warren, Bill Arnold (director), Victor Falke (director), John Frank (PSL manager), Theo Moulis (vice president), Doug Holman (president), Sir Arthur George, Steve Doszpot (director), Peter Windsor (director) and David Dillon (secretary).

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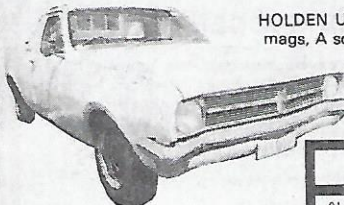
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# Our Real Madrid—that's Hakoah

During the most memorable period of the Phillips League grand final, national coach Rudi Gutendorf turned to Hakoah stalwart Joe Martin and said: "On this form, your team could survive against any side in Europe."

Telling us about Gutendorf's enthusiasm, Martin said he had never felt prouder about being associated with Hakoah.

This great Sydney club has been wearing out all the superlatives over the past 20 years — mine included.

In May, 1970, I was in Sydney to watch Hakoah against St. George in a NSW First Division match.

Before the game, Hakoah was on top of the ladder, undefeated in five games, with a goal average of 23:3. St. George had played only four games but was also undefeated, and its goal average was 13:2.

On the league goalkeepers' list, Roy Bartz was first with nine, Dave Keddie second with eight, Roy Blitz fourth with five and Willie Rutherford fifth with four.

The teams were: HAKOAH: Haffey, Davey, Yager, Watkins, Marnoch, Walsh, Blitz, Keddie, Bartz, Rutherford (Hennessy 66th).

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Sandell, Morgan, Schaefer, Bird, Cliss, Abonyi, Warren, Ainslie (Harris 73rd), Alston, Denton.

After the game, I wrote in the now defunct "Soccer News": "Hakoah proved itself the greatest team in Australia by beating its closest rival, St. George Budapest, 2-1 at Wentworth Park on Sunday."

In April of last year, I watched Hakoah against Fitzroy at Middle Park, Melbourne, in the opening round of the Phillips League.

The teams that day were: HAKOAH: Clarke, Mullen, O'Connor, Barnes, Mowbray, Muniz (Dimilio 81st), Stevenson, Lutten, Watson, T. Smith, Silva.

FITZROY: Blasby, Campbell, Provan, Tansey, Rakovallis, O'Reilly, Glykalamas (half time), P. Bannon, McMorran (Gillan 71st), Taylor, Cole, Buljevic.

After Hakoah had flattened Fitzroy 3-1, I wrote in "Soccer Action": "Losing to Hakoah was no disgrace because in the second half, Hakoah played the best club soccer I've seen in Australia."

Even at this early stage, Hakoah must be regarded as possibly the leading contender for the first national league championship.

"They don't call Hakoah the 'Soccer Machine' for nothing."

And so what else can one say about the greatness of Hakoah? Perhaps we could call Hakoah Australia's Real

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Madrid. At local level, Hakoah has an equally impressive record.

Over the two years of the PSL's existence, Hakoah has picked up 72 championship points — five more than the second most successful team, Marconi.

In 1977 Hakoah won the championship and this year it has taken the grand final. In league matches, Hakoah is the only team to have scored 100 goals — 105 to be exact. The closest challengers — Marconi and Adelaide City — have managed only 88.

Coach Gerry Chaldi summed up the Hakoah style quite simply after his team's 1-1 draw with Fitzroy in June, by saying: "Hakoah may not have much support but we have always tried to offer the public the best possible brand of soccer and I think that we have succeeded consistently over the years."

Hakoah's record speaks for itself. In the past 21 years there have been only seven in which Hakoah has failed to win a major honor.

During this period, Hakoah has won five NSW premierships, four NSW grand finals, two Australia Cups, three Federation Cups, three Ampol Cups, two State Cups, a Phillips League championship and a Phillips League grand final.

Backed by the opulent social club at Bondi Beach (whose poker machines by the way, owe me a small fortune) Hakoah has for so long represented soccer progress and administrative excellence.

The Hakoah committee deserves boundless praise — especially Harry Lakmaker and Andrew Lederer.

And Gerry Chaldi has, over the past three years, emerged as one of the most gifted coaches yet seen in Australia. Chaldi was an excellent player himself, so he accepts nothing but the best from the man who plays under him.

But he has such players — men whose personal pride spurs them on to better and better performances. Chaldi also has the respect and the affection of most of his men, and he has the knack for maintaining harmony between them.

Brazilian left winger Hilton Silva said recently: "We are one good, happy crowd and Gerry Chaldi must take the credit for this."

"Gerry looks gentle but in reality he is very, very hard and a firm disciplinarian. He knows what he is doing."

However, he doesn't call you names, shows respect to all his players and is, in turn, trusted by them.

"For Gerry, all of us do whatever is asked of us."

Like all good coaches, Chaldi is a firm believer in stability. He knows who his best players are and he sticks by them. He realises everyone goes through patches of mediocrity and that the only way to overcome the lapses is to play your way through them.



Hakoah boss Andrew Lederer with the 1977 PSL championship shield.

His technical knowledge is complete and his assessment of a player is cold, clinical and right on the mark.

Hakoah spent quite a deal of money flying Portuguese forward Simao to Australia this year. Chaldi used him in a few games, then sent him back home.

"He was great on the ball but he lost it much too quickly," Chaldi said quite simply.

While Chaldi deserves praise, his players deserve it even more.

After all, it is they who make it all happen.

Rudi Gutendorf said last night that he was not averse to basing the new national team on one or two clubs.

If so, the national squad is likely to include quite a few Hakoah men, including Kevin Mullen, Steve O'Connor,

Todd Clarke, Hilton Silva, Murray Barnes and, if they become naturalised, John Stevenson, Joe Watson, Terry Smith and perhaps more.

The Hakoah senior players are: TODD CLARKE, goalkeeper and Socceroo, bought from Adelaide Beograd in 1976.

KEVIN MULLEN, right back, eight years with Hakoah, capped once for Australia, brilliant overlayer.

STEVE O'CONNOR, centre back, former Hakoah junior in his ninth year with the club, has had a brilliant season.

EDDIE THOMSON, centre back, came from Scottish club Aberdeen last season, a hard man with the professional touch.

HENRY MOWBRAY, left back, joined from Scottish club St. Mirren five years ago. Captain of Hakoah.

JOHN STEVENSON, midfielder, played for St. Johnstone in Scotland, joined Hakoah three years ago, has a powerful shot and made his debut for Australia this year.

MURRAY BARNES, midfielder, Socceroo, came from the Hakoah juniors, tall and powerful, regular goalscorer.

IAN SOUNESS, midfielder, joined from Chelsea in England this year.

JOE WATSON, right winger, came from Scottish club Forfar Athletic six years ago, small but menacing doesn't score many but sets up a lot for others.

TERRY SMITH, central striker, played for Stoke City in England and for Western Suburbs and St. George in Sydney before joining Hakoah four years ago. Second highest league scorer last year, missed half of this season due to injury.

ERNIE CAMPBELL, striker, former Socceroo bought from Marconi early this year. Previously played for APIA. Menacing around goal and extremely skillful.

HILTON SILVA, left winger, played for Vasco Da Gama in Brazil before joining Hakoah in 1971. Came back after breaking a leg to take his rightful place this year among the finest forwards in the PSL.

MARK TRENTER, utility player, joined this year from West Bromwich Albion in England. A star of the PSL grand final.

TONY PEZZANO, reserve goalkeeper, Australian schoolboy representative on the recent tour of North America.

ALAN KERSHAW, utility player, came from Dundee in Scotland early last year.

BOBBY SMITH, powerful defensive midfielder player taken out of the reserves early this year, but lost his place when Souness arrived.

Next year Hakoah starts a new chapter in its 39-year history.

It plans to change its name to Sydney City in an attempt to attract more fans.

I wish you well, Hakoah. You certainly deserve more support, for on the field you have always offered value for money.

## Holland, Austria on their way

Holland, World Cup soccer finalist three months ago, began its bid for the European Championship with a 3-0 win over Iceland, but Scotland and Hungary, sharing unhappy memories of Argentina, flopped again.

In Yerevan, Greece lost 0-2 to the Soviet Union.

England, which failed to make the World Cup finals, scored the only away win of the night, 4-3 against Denmark in a match marred by fighting between rival fans.

Skipper Ruud Krol put the Dutch on their winning path in Nijmegen and second-half goals by Emrys Brundage and Rob Rensenbrink (penalty) settled the match.

Finland's 2-1 win in Helsinki over a much-changed Hungarian team was on paper the best performance of the night.

In Vienna, Scotland trailed to goals by Austria's Bruno Pezzey, Walter Schanacher and Willy Krenuz before a late revival produced headers by Gordon McQueen and Andy Gray which cut the deficit to 3-2.

The point Belgium dropped to Norway in a 1-1 draw in the same group made the Austrian victory look all the more significant.

The big all-Irish clash in Dublin also ended in a draw — 0-0. The Denmark-England clash developed into an exciting see-saw. Kevin Keegan scored twice to put England 2-0 ahead, but Henning Munk Jensen (penalty) and Frank Arnesen made it 2-2 — all four goals coming in 10 minutes.

Bob Latchford regained the lead for England soon after the break and Phil Neal extended it, before Danish captain Per Rontved made it 4-3 five minutes from the end.

Police had to intervene in force and ambulances carried away at least 15 injured as English and Danish fans fought.

Many of the Englishmen came from ships paying an official naval visit to Copenhagen.

Police moved in to halt the fights and, as the injured were taken away, formed a buffer between the warring camps. But there were more clashes as the crowd poured out of the stadium.

## Cumberland v. Springvale

Victorian First Division club Springvale City will play against South Australian champion Cumberland United in Adelaide on Saturday at 3 pm.

Cumberland's secretary John McFarlane has arranged a bar-

becue tea and a cabaret show at the clubrooms after the match.

Springvale's players will fly back home on Sunday night.

Meanwhile, Springvale is having discussions with the Springvale Council about getting floodlights installed at Ross Reserve for night games.

The outstanding success of Newcastle's Ken Boden in this year's Phillips League has surprised many people, possibly even Boden himself.

The reason for this surprise is the players' background.

Boden played in England with several non-league clubs and for lower division Football League club Doncaster Rovers.

This background does not suggest a player who not only became the league's joint top scorer with 14 goals but also won the "Soccer Action" individual rating as the best player in the league.

Boden's average match rating was 7.8, ahead of West Adelaide captain Neil McGachey, 7.7 and overseas stars Zdravko Lujic (Footscray) 7.65 and Roberto Vieri (Marconi), 7.62.

A look at Boden's playing style and his physical build gives the clues to his success here.

Boden is highly skilled in one of the arts which has almost disappeared from the English game — dribbling.

The heavy conditions which prevail in England for part of the season discourage dribbling, so does the "one-touch" English style where the emphasis is on quick inter-passing.

Many English coaches, including our recent national

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coach, Jim Shoulder, claim that soccer is a "passing game."

It is not. It is a running, dribbling, tackling, shooting, receiving AND passing game.

This oversimplification of the game is what has turned the English game into such a predictable stereotype.

The English are now desperately trying to bring back the art of dribbling and receiving the ball on the turn by outwitting the cynical and brutal tackles from behind which have inhibited these skills for so long.

There is the hackneyed saying that if you keep trying, one day it will come good for you. It did for Jim Adam and his story is one to give encouragement to those frustrated people still striving for their success day.

I first met Jim Adam many years ago in England when I was a young player with Newcastle United.

He came to Newcastle on a trial and we roomed together in a Stoke hotel before a game against Stoke City reserves.

He did not pass his trial and went back to his native Scotland, eventually to return to England where he made a big impact with Aston Villa.

Eventually we both came to Australia where we met sporadically until two years ago he told me he was sick of the amateurism of Australian soccer and was going to give the UK another go.

He went back to his native Scotland and was doing quite well till he was tempted back to Australia with the promise by Fitzroy that with the start of the national league things would now be different in Australian soccer.

In Australia tackling is not so fierce and the light grounds encourage dribbling, as do team playing styles.

Boden now finds his delicate skills and frail physique are not punished so cruelly by heavy tackling and by heavy grounds.

Therein lies the major reason for his success.

The other is that he has always been a goalscorer.

For every team in which he played, even if some were of a fairly low level, he has always scored goals.

This is a trait of all true goalscorers — they will always score goals, no matter where they play, so long as they are not completely out of their depth.

Boden is obviously not out of his depth here in Australia. On the contrary, in his late 20's he has at last found himself and probably wishes he had come here 10 years ago.

## Jim Adam: all he needs now is independence

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He found that yes, the playing standards were better in the Phillips league and so were the pitches, but the old boardroom pressures and inefficiencies re-



Ken Boden (left) tackles Chris Kalafatis of South Melbourne.

mained while the player attitudes had not changed overnight.

This is still the case and he has had his problems at West Adelaide.

The instability of many of our soccer clubs and the enormous pressures to succeed make coaching an extremely hazardous operation in Australia today.

Several coaches, such as John Warren, Rale Rasic, Dave McLaren and I are building a business base which will give us a financial foundation which will protect us from the turbulence of the coaching scene.

New national coach, Rudi

Gutendorf, has been able to do the same through his mammoth earnings around the world.

To have financial independence and freedom of movement that allows time for the intense commitment of modern soccer has been my goal for the past three years, just as I know it has been for Warren and Rasic.

Jim Adam does not yet have such independence but he has achieved the ultimate in soccer coaching — his country's top soccer title, the Phillips League.

It must afford him tremendous satisfaction after all the hills and hollows he has travelled in these recent years.

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# Australia v New Zealand unlikely

**AUCKLAND** — Unless there is a change in the format of the Oceania Youth Tournament here in November, New Zealand and Australia, expected to be the two best sides in the eight-team event, have no chance of meeting in the final.

With the countries chasing a place in the World Youth Cup finals, the present intention is for the teams to split into two sections of four, with New Zealand, Australia, Taiwan and Fiji in one section.

The remaining teams, including the defending Oceania Youth Cup side, Tahiti, New Caledonia, New Hebrides and Papua New Guinea, are in the other section.

A series of round-robin matches will be played during the week-long tournament from November 11, with the two section winners meeting in the final.

However, Oceania Confederation secretary Charlie Dempsey sees the need for a change.

"With a minimum of re-arrangement, we can play the round-robin matches as planned, but then play the winner of one section against the runner-up of the other, and vice versa, thus giving all teams a chance of reaching the final," said Mr Dempsey.

"I feel such an amendment would win favour and I will be pressing for the NZFA to back such a move," said Mr Dempsey. "As it stands, there is no chance of New Zealand playing Australia in the final — and that would be the obvious attraction."

## Knox is threat in Winfield Cup

Only three First Division teams have survived the first three rounds of the Victorian Winfield Cup, the knock-out competition for Metropolitan League clubs.

**Croydon City, Dandenong City and Box Hill** are the sides from the top league, but they will face strong opposition from promotion-winning Second Division sides **Melbourne and Moreland.**

**Knox City**, well-stocked with former Mooroolbark and Croydon players, is another Second Division team in with a chance.

The quarter-final draw is: (on grounds of first named teams) Box Hill v Knox City, Croydon City v Dandenong City, Melbourne v Mooroolbark Utd and Moreland v Etham.

Last Saturday's games included:

**SANDRINGHAM CITY 2 (Bogdan, Grundy) BOX HILL 4 (Taylor 2 incl pen, Bernardini, Turfield).**

**SANDRINGHAM 1 (Pugliese, Shaddick, Moore, Rea, Markus (Hoyle half time), McGowan, Grundy, Kennedy, Drda, Bogdan, Antoniou).**

**BOX HILL 1 (Morgan, White (Bradley), Corke, Waaldyk, Patterson, Horner, Ramos, Taylor, Turfield (Campbell), Bernardini, Sherman).**

A devastating three-goal burst in the first five minutes was enough to ensure Box Hill's passage into the Winfield Cup quarter-finals.

The Hillmen led 4-1 at half time, but were content to sit on that lead for the second half.

Sandringham came at the Hillmen in the second 45 minutes but Box Hill never looked like losing.

Best players: — Box Hill: Taylor, Corke, Patterson, Sandringham: Bogdan, Grundy, McGowan.

**ELTHAM 0 FERNTEE GULLY 0** (Etham won 5-4 on penalties).

**ELTHAM:** Wight, Crowley, Circa, Gooney, K. Emsden, Spaniak, Cochran, McIntosh, M. Vandersik, Opiba, Vanderzwart.

The **MLA for Greenborough**, Mrs Pauline Toner, and local shire president, Mr Michael Chick, attended Etham soccer club's annual dinner dance/presentation night.

Award winners were Mick Circa (clubman of the year), Les Gooney (player of the year), John Cochran (runner up, player of the year), Kevin Emsden (reserve team player of the year), Andy Lee (runner up), Marcel Vandersik (most improved), Gordon McIntosh (highest goalscorer), Gordon Kirkwood and Hans Deylen (for services to the club).

Although Etham was relegated from the Second Division, the team is having a good run in the Winfield Cup.

Etham overcame Ferntee Gully only on penalties but deserved to win the game.

Best for Etham — Circa, Gooney, Opiba, and Spaniak.

## Sydney Croatia, champion of NSW



**SYDNEY CROATIA**, NSW State League champion, from left, back row: T. Basic, S. Watson, G. Smith, R. Russell, M. Kovacic, K. Coleman, B. Cagalj, B. Galo (masseur). Front: M. Sullivan, P. Mullen, W. Savor, A. Abonyi (coach), J. Russell.

## WE WON'T GIVE UP IDENTITY

By PETER SCOTT

**SYDNEY'S Croatia** has something invaluable to offer to the Philips League — but at a price which the national competition's management may be inclined to refuse.

The precious commodity which NSW's premier State League outfit has is a hard core, regular crowd running into the thousands — something which most of the harbor city's PSL clubs look upon with envy.

So why the doubts about a future in the "big league"?

The reason is Croatia would enter only under its present name, according to club president, Tony Basic.

"We won't even think about the PSL until 1980 as our club needs the right sort of setup in the top grade," he said.

"Croatia does not want to end up as another Mooroolbark, so for another year we will seek to consolidate

our resources in the State League.

"When we do apply, the club will be financially in a strong position but we seek this security from more assured sources than sponsorship alone."

In fact, what Croatia seeks is the establishment of an ultra-ambitious — some even claim visionary — football complex, combining stadium, training grounds and a licensed clubhouse.

"Then we will be ready for the PSL," Basic proclaimed.

He also believes that by then — or perhaps even earlier — the PSL "should be begging us to enter."

"Our crowds are rarely

below 3000, we are well organised, have the financial resources and in the past year alone spent \$127,000 on soccer," he said.

Tony Basic makes no secret about where the strength of the club lies — its members.

"They give us the money needed without hesitation but if we dropped our name, much of this support would dry up — financially and physically."

"It is in the interest of the PSL to get more spectators, rather than less; we are under pressure from members to apply — but not at the price of losing our identity."

"If we can't gain acceptance, it won't worry us too long. We'll just carry on in

the State League.

"Which ever competition we participate in Croatia will retain the loyalty of its members."

Tony Basic said his committee is quite happy with the achievements of this year and 1977.

He claims the club has nurtured an excellent spirit on and off the field, and can call on the talents of a promising squad of young players, who are blossoming under the tutelage of a very good coach in former Socceroo great Attila Abonyi.

In fact, in the popular Attie's first year as playing coach, Croatia is odds-on favorite to remain at the pinnacle of New South Wales soccer for many years to come.

## HILLMEN TAKE UNDER 16 CUP

After a 22-year drought, Box Hill's under 16 team brought a J.L.M.C. Cup to the club when it thrashed Footscray 7-2 in the final at Dandy Park.

Coached by former Juventus, Macedonia and Box Hill full back **Walker Patterson**, the young Hillmen completely outclassed their opponents to add the Cup to the 'A' Division under 16 league championship the boys won earlier this season.

Goalscorers were **Peter Verchia (2), Greg McLeod (2), Peter Valentine, Robert Galli and Paul McCarthy.**

Best players were **Verchia, Ian Roodhouse and Valentine.** Other squad members are **Keith Waterman, Linton Deane, Michael Featherstone, David Singleton, Scott Patterson, Simon Kirby, Shamus Van Der Westhuizen, Scott Fitzgerald and Jamie Tidd.**

Although **McLeod and Singleton** are in the under 15 Victorian team, and **Roodhouse** is in the under 14 squad,

no Box Hill player was selected in the under 16 side, which is surprising for the team didn't lose a game this season and dominated the under 16 competition.

Port Melbourne won the under 13 Cup by beating South Melb. Hellas 4-0. Scorers were **G. Kalogeros (2), Joe Palastides and Peter Tsolakis.**

The team that lined up for the cup was:

**Chris Smirnakis, Con Tangelakis, Michael Hameklotis, Mamed Durkovic, Aki Kotzomichalis, Peter Tsolakis, Andrew Giakoumakis, George Kalogeros, Joe Palastides, Nick Papanicolaou, Steve Hackett, Sammy Zafiris, Chris Hameklotis.**

Victorian Junior Cup final results: **UNDER 9: Doncaster v Knox City 1-2.**

**UNDER 10: Essendon 'A' v Waverley 0-1.**

**UNDER 11: Doveton v Fawkner 0-2 aet.**

**UNDER 12: Mooroolbark 'A' v Albions 2-6.**

**UNDER 13: Sth Melbourne v Pt Melbourne 0-4.**

**UNDER 14: Nunawading Cy v Waverley 0-0.**

**UNDER 15: Sth. Melbourne v Waverley 2-1.**

**UNDER 16: Box Hill v Footscray 7-2.**

**UNDER 18: Essendon Cy v Waverley 1-3 penalties.**

## Albion members meet on merger

The future of Albion Leyland (Vic) will be discussed by club members at the annual general meeting this Sunday.

Club president **Russell Wilson** has called for all members to attend Selwyn Park at 11 a.m. The proposed amalgamation between Albion and Sunshine City is to be discussed in depth.

Last week, Albion and George Cross had to face the tribunal of the Victorian Soccer Federation to answer charges about a crowd disturbance at Selwyn Park a few weeks ago.

The tribunal dismissed the case, as there was no evidence that the clubs had failed to control their fans.

## A Cross reply to Gardiner

Officials and members of **George Cross (Vic)** were angered by claims made by former **George Cross** player **John Gardiner** in an article in "Soccer Action" last week.

Club spokesman **Charlie Cutajar** said:

"Gardiner claimed he once wasn't paid for a month, but George Cross has never kept players unpaid for that long. He waited out three times because he wanted more money, not because he wasn't paid."

"Gardiner claims we wouldn't give him a contract, but the fact was we wanted to give him a contract but could never afford the amounts he wanted."

"We offered him the coaching position but he asked for a record amount."

"At the start of every year we paid Gardiner a lump sum but couldn't come to agreement over a contract."

"As for **Lou Kastner**, he was settled at George Cross until Gardiner came. He started complaining because Gardiner talked him into it and in the end it was Gardiner who talked Kastner into seeking a transfer. But now look where Kastner is in the Second Division with Kellor Austria."

Gardiner said our fans abuse him. I don't know about that."

## Preston, Juventus in PSL push

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He said the club was currently recruiting top players from South America to attract support from the 40,000 Latin Americans living in Melbourne.

"However, we will continue to groom junior players in our expanding junior set-up. The best of these young players will naturally win their way into the senior side."

Mr Di Zio rejected suggestions that Juventus should amalgamate with one or both of the other strong Italian clubs — Werribee and Faw-

kner.

"It will be 10 years before a major soccer club can survive in an outer suburb of Melbourne. This was proved by Mooroolbark's failure," he said.

"Going to Werribee would be suicide. Newcastle's success is misleading as that city has no major VFL or Rugby competition and the population is mainly working class and of European origin."

The PSL has set a deadline of October 21 for applications for membership in 1979.

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# SYDNEY CROATIA — NS

## Schauman and names of past Massey great

Croatia Soccer Club was formed by a band of football enthusiasts hailing from that adriatic land in 1958, at the height of the fratricidal battle between the Association and the "upstart" newcomers of the Federation.

In what can only be termed an historical anomaly, the fledgling club opted for the "establishment" and joined the ranks of the Association.

After going through a season without losing a game, the founding fathers decided to look for a somewhat greater challenge and defected to the Federation camp.

In 1959 Croatia finished 6th in the Third Division (won by Toongabbie) with a respectable total of 31 points in 26 games.

However, there were better times to come, as 1960 saw Croatia's first Federation premiership when they pipped Drummoyle by one point for the Third Division title and gained promotion.

Almost immediately Croatia went on a shopping spree, buying several well-known players from First Division clubs and ending their inaugural season in Second Division by

By PETER SCOTT

clinching fourth place with 28 points.

1961 saw the start of the eternal rivalry between Croatia and Yugal, with the latter gaining the initial upper hand, clinching the championship and promotion to First Division.

The year was a momentous one, bringing among other major developments the founding of the Australian Soccer Federation and a national record crowd of 18,432 at the Sydney grand final.

Croatia wasn't a part of all the major excitement and politicking, tucked away as it was in Second Division, but this may have been a blessing in disguise, allowing for the concentration of all energies on consolidation and improvement.

They were getting ready for the major assault on the big time!

It finally arrived in 1963, having won the Second Division premiership the year before.

Croatia's debut was in the Ampol Cup — against a Yugal at the peak of its powers, reinforced by a string of Yugoslav First Division stars.

Croatia went down 6 - 2 in front of a crowd of 7300 people.

The premiership race proved to be a demanding apprenticeship as well and the "rookies" managed to avoid relegation only by the skin of their teeth, finishing 11th — one point ahead of wooden-spooners Auburn.

Only four wins were recorded in that inaugural season but one of them was against premiers Prague — perhaps Australian soc-

cer's most famous club, now sadly gone from the scene.

With overseas stars by the dozen appearing in the top teams, Croatia's squad in its first assault on the NSW title was Anderson, Bonazza, Djukic, Fabijanic, Foitlin, Fraser, Frazer, Frian, Gergely, Hejtmánek, Hetherington, Hoare, Kovacs, Massey, McKinnon, McWaters, Pascual, Pomahac, Schauman, Todorovic, Tomacic, Wesely and Yelancic.

Some of these names still stir up glorious memories of supreme soccer skill.

Who could forget Eduardo Massey, the first in a string of superbly skilled Argentinians to grace the Sydney soccer scene during the early sixties?

Then there was Les Schauman, who initially burst into prominence with Budapest, a gangling, virtuoso striker, affectionately known to one and all as Cuirke (Chook).

The young Hungarian was undoubtedly one of the greatest talents to emerge in Australian soccer.

Croatia proved its drawing power almost immediately by attracting 8000 people to its home game against — who else — Yugal.

The club stayed in First Division that year — and never looked like relinquishing its place from then on.

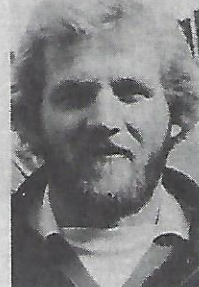
Massey was joined by other Latins in Bischoff, Ledezma, Collazo and Puig who brought excitement, vitality and color to the game.

Representative honors also came their way, with Schauman selected in the NSW team which played Everton at the Sydney

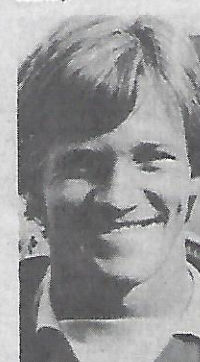
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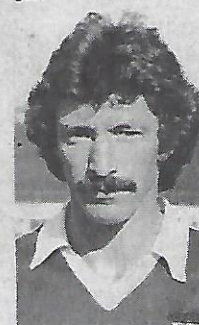
STEVE WATSON : Croatia's goalkeeper. A local product in his first year with Croatia. Considered one of the most talented youngsters in the country.



GREG SMITH : Croatia's skipper, a consistent and no-nonsense fullback who has been with the club for five years. Previously played with Western Suburbs and in the Northern NSW league.



BOBBY RUSSELL : Scottish-born defender who played for New South Wales this year. Coach Abonyi tips him as a future Soccerroo if his present development continues.



PETER MULLEN : English-born centre-back, brother of Hakoah's Kevin Mullen. Peter joined Croatia from Canterbury in Sydney and has been a steady point in the rear-guard ever since.



BRUNO CAGALJ : An outstanding junior player in Yugoslavia, this Croatian-born stopper joined Croatia this year and has impressed observers with his cool and stylish football.

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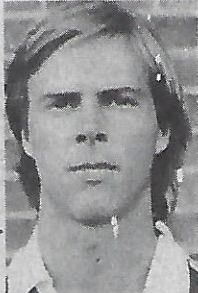
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**WAYNE COOTES**: A junior product on the verge of becoming a regular on the first team's forward line.



**TOM BOSANOVIC**: Croatia's second-string goalie, who has been with the club for several seasons. He is recognised as a safe and reliable custodian.



**TOM BASIC**: Centre-back, who has represented NSW at every level of junior soccer. A product of Croatia's Nursery system.



**VIN COLEMAN**: Midfielder, one of the outstanding talents of Australian soccer. Coleman earned the imagination of the major clubs from an outstanding display as an Australian captain against and in a 3-0 victory over the national at the Sydney to Ground. Since then as worn the colors of the club and Granville, but is coming into his own with Croatia. Also served an apprenticeship with Aston in England.



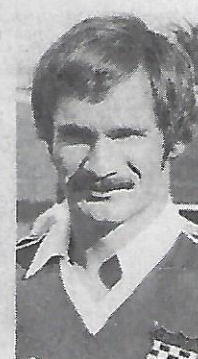
**MARIAN KOVACIC**: Another Sydney junior product, now fast becoming one of the NSW State League's most prolific scorers.



**ATTILA ABONYI**: Captain-coach, prolific goalscorer and one of Australia's all-time greats. Although born in Hungary, he learned all his soccer in this country, going on to distinguished careers with the Soccercoos, Melbourne HSC and St. George-Budapest. Took the big step of forsaking the Phillips League for State League soccer when he joined Croatia last year. Became coach this year and has consolidated the club's position as by far the best team in the NSW championship.



**JOHN RUSSELL**: Young Irish midfielder in his first year with Croatia. For playing in the New South Wales national league, he impresses Sydney fans with his non-stop busy play.



**MAURICE SULLIVAN**: French-born immigrant from Mauritius and the doyen of Croatia's playing staff. He has been wearing the club's colors for ten years and in over 300 matches, in the process becoming recognised as one of the fastest and most lethal strikers in Sydney soccer.



**WALLY SAVOR**: A 19-year-old midfielder, out of the junior system, with a promising future.

## Americans no match for Abonyi's men

Croatia's tour of North America this year was the most ambitious undertaking yet attempted by an Australian soccer club - and it was all expenses paid.

Moves for such a tour began after a visit to our shores by Toronto Metros-Croatia of the North American Soccer League.

In reciprocity for Croatia's organisation of the Canadian club's tour, the Sydneysiders were invited this season, with all airfares and expenses met by the hosts.

Apart from a 2-1 loss to Toronto, Croatia proved to be something less than polite as a guest team, recording nine wins and a draw in ten matches.

All the clashes were against Croatian clubs in Canada and the US.

Coach **Attila Abonyi** has only one word for his team's performances: "Tremendous!"

"We were under a lot of pressure prior to departure, playing virtually two games a week to get our premiership fixtures out of the way before the tour," he said.

"Once we did get over there though, I had the chance to experiment with different styles of play and various tactical moves."

"Because of this fantastic tour I am convinced Croatia is a better side now!" Abonyi emphasised the benefits of living together as full professionals for a month on his squad.

He was also full of praise for one of American sports' more controversial innovations - artificial playing surfaces.

"We played four games on AstroTurf and it was a great experience," he said.

"Playing on a field which was billiard-table smooth improved our football enormously."

The tour started rather inauspiciously, albeit on a winning note, at Edmonton.

"Our airline schedules got tangled up, with planes running late and layovers at San Francisco and Vancouver on the way to Edmonton," Abonyi said.

"We arrived at 8 in the evening and were rushed straight to the stadium for a 9 o'clock kickoff."

"Well, we hadn't expected to have to play on the same night after the exhausting long trip from Sydney, but we still managed to win 2-1."

Actually, the match in one of Canada's northernmost cities was quite an experience in another respect.

"Being in the middle of their summer we had the,

for us, unusual sight of the sun just starting to set as we finished the match at 10.45 pm," Abonyi recalled.

The Sydney team and its large group of "camp followers" made a lot of good friends on their triumphant procession through North America, being accorded receptions usually reserved for long lost relations.

In Toronto, for instance, a crowd in excess of 1000 bled out to the airport, complete with brass bands and youngsters in Croatian

national costumes, to welcome the team, which is, incidentally, overwhelmingly Anglo-Saxon in its composition.

"I firmly believe that our appearances were good publicity for Australian soccer, and in many places the locals were frankly amazed at our standard of football," Abonyi said.

"We were tossing teams, some of which hadn't been beaten for up to two years."

The Croatia coach is also convinced that the present enthusiasm about American soccer, which is spreading in

the Australian media, is somewhat wide of the mark.

"It isn't all Cosmo, you know," Abonyi reminded those who needed reminding. "Apart from them and a couple of other clubs, their soccer is nothing to rave about."

"In fact, in a lot of ways we are badly misled about the real quality of North American soccer by all the publicity that reaches Australia."

Abonyi also advised that any examination of North American crowd figures

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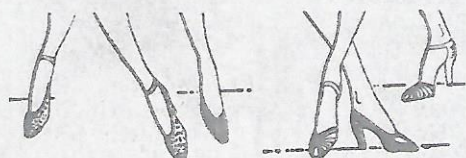
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A pictorial tribute to Jim Kondarios by SAM BELFONTE. Kondarios tackles Fitzroy's Gary Cole (top, left), has a tussle with West Adelaide's Peter Boyle (middle left) and gets the better of Dundee's Iain Sinclair while playing for Victoria.

Kondarios rises above team mate Andy Kazi and Fitzroy's Branko Buljevic to head clear (top right), beats St. George's Durisic (middle right) and again clashes with Cole.

The centre section shows Jim against St. George's Phil O'Connor (top) and South Melbourne's Alun Evans.

# Smells like whisky... it must be Chinaglia

Star-studded New York Cosmos was given a merciless mauling by the German Press after they had lost 1-7 to Franz Beckenbauer's former club Bayern Munich on tour.

In the interests of a good laugh, we reprint part of an article that appeared last week in "Der Spiegel", the German equivalent of the U.S. news magazines "Time" and "Newsweek".

The article quotes Beckenbauer as saying: "Look, we are the only team in the world that guarantees a lot of goals. Unfortunately, most of them are scored against us. We sleep in the plane and on the field but in between we work hard, rushing from one reception to another."

For the night of the open goals, the American champions of 1977 and 1978 collected more than any club in history. In Munich, the American's share of the money paid by 79,000 spectators was about \$150,000.

In all guest games, the U.S. champions collect 60 per cent of the gate and almost 100 per cent of the goals.

In Munich, you were entitled to laugh about Beckenbauer's team.

"If I were their coach," said Bayern Munich coach Gylis Lorant, "I

would put rat poison in the half-time drinks of all the players except Beckenbauer."

As Beckenbauer entered the dressing rooms before the game, he found three players "who I had never before seen at our club." Apparently they had been signed by Cosmos somewhere between Buenos Aires and Munich.

"In that tired world eleven, I feel sorry for Franz," said Bayern Munich star Paul Breitner.

Cosmos goalkeeper Jack Brand said: "I have in front of me a defence which swears in English, Turkish, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish."

Brand himself showed up as an exceptionally agile goalkeeper. The only trouble was, his acrobatic leaps had little to do with the flight of the ball.

When the ball whistles into the net on the right, Brand flies towards the left post. If the ball comes at him low, Brand punches up at the crossbar.

He was replaced in the second half by the Turk, Erol Yasin who, while watching Bayern's exciting forward play, forgot what it was that he was there for.

But the other players found ori-

entation a little easier.

For example, if they smelled garlic, they knew that they were being chased by one of the Yugoslavs, Vladislav Bogicevic or Fred Grgurev.

When peppermint was in the wind, they knew they were being pursued by the Englishman, Dennis Tueart who chews gum incessantly.

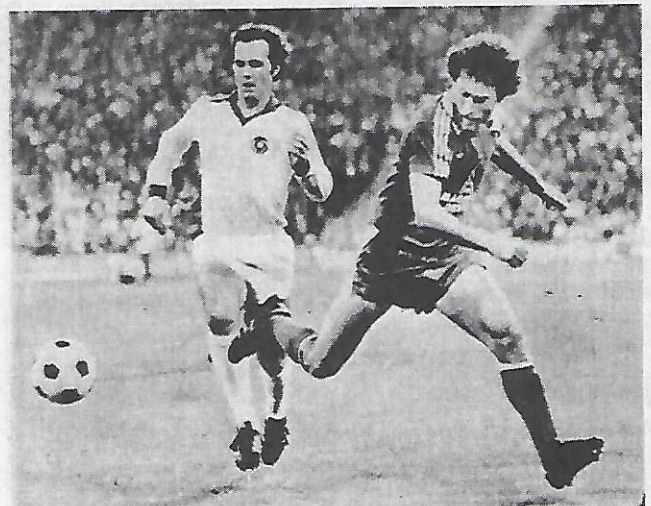
And when the overweight Italian Giorgio Chinaglia, was panting and puffing, the smell of whisky wafted all the way to goalkeeper Sepp Maier.

"Genuine and good football will not exist in the United States for at least 10 years, or until local boys advance into the senior teams," said Beckenbauer.

"We are hard to beat only on our own ground. Bayern Munich will find that out when we play the return game next year."

Most American clubs play on grounds of artificial turf that are 15 metres shorter and 10 metres narrower than they are in Europe.

And yet, the Americans will make a bid to stage the 1990 World Cup finals ...



Bayern Munich star Paul Breitner (right) about Cosmos ace Beckenbauer: "I feel sorry for Franz."



# 'SOCCEROOS MY GOAL': KONDARIOS

## Footscray star chased by super-sleuths from Keilor Austria

By KYLE PATTERSON

When father supports a team which is the arch rival of the club for which his son plays, conflict would seem unavoidable.

But at Kondarios family get-togethers, everything is rosy when soccer crops up in conversation.

Jim Kondarios' father, Paul, is an avid South Melbourne supporter, even though his son plays for Footscray. But when South Melbourne and Footscray clash, Kondarios senior swings his allegiance to his son's club.

As a result, there are no arguments between father and son, although Paul may have had trouble keeping a straight face during games between the two teams this season.

The reason: South Melbourne hammered six goals past Footscray without reply and took maximum points from two games.

But deep down, Kondarios senior has some feeling for Footscray. After all, he advised his son to join Footscray instead of Fitzroy Utd when big Jim was on the market after leaving Keilor Austria.

Jim heeded his father's advice and hasn't looked back.

Kondarios is the man mountain in the Footscray defence. The Greek-born backman is superlative in heading duels and a rock-hard tackler, with his reliability being surpassed only by his determination.

Kondarios built up an excellent understanding with his recently-retired defensive partner Jim Kriaris. The two were towers of strength in Footscray sides over the past four years.

"Jim (Kriaris) and I had a good understanding," said Kondarios. "As soon as I arrived at Footscray I hit it off with him because we were the only Greeks in the team. We'd always stick together and that way we learnt to read each other's game."

Now that Kriaris has retired, who's likely to fill his position?

"Zoran Ilioski has played some good games as sweep-

er," said Jim. "And he could probably take over."

"Zokki has great potential and we have worked well whenever he's had to play in defence. A lot of people think he doesn't tackle hard enough to be a good defender but believe me, if he's told to tackle hard then he does."

Kondarios added that the club was looking for players from overseas and that a new defender may be brought to Footscray.

"But I think our defence is good enough," he continued. "What we need is a good striker and a mid-field general. With two top players and a few less injury problems, Footscray would be among the top teams in the league."

Obviously Jimmy Rooney would come into that mid-field general category.

"Without a doubt, Rooney would fit into our team perfectly," said Jim. "He has the experience and know-how to direct traffic on the field and we have the youngsters to do the running for him."

Kondarios is now 27, and in his fourth year with Footscray. On the field he concentrates on the job in hand and shows very little emotion. He's a hard man, but you could never accuse him of being dirty. However it must be added that you'd rarely see big Jim apologising for one of his tackles.

That's his style: play it hard and let the rest take care of itself.

Off the field he's a likeable honest and uncomplicated guy. This is reflected in his attitude towards Footscray and to soccer in general.

"I think I'll probably spend the rest of my career with Footscray," said Jim. "It would be very difficult to leave the club because the atmosphere is great and I have many friends there."

"Footscray might not be the best paying club around but money isn't everything. I'm happy to be with Footscray, and that's what is important."

And on his ambitions in soccer:

"I'd like to represent Australia," he said, "but then every player in Australia probably has similar ambitions. I'll take things as they come."

Jim Kondarios was born in a small town in northern Greece. He learnt his early soccer in the streets but didn't play in an organised club team until he came to Australia.

As a boy, he supported Olympiakos but because his village was a long way from the main soccer venues in Greece, he never saw his idols play.

He arrived in Australia in 1964 at the age of 13.

A few years later he joined Croatia Melbourne

and played in the club's under 18 team.

Kondarios' ability soon caught the attention of Croatia's coaches and after half a season with the under 18 team, he started playing in the reserve side.

It wasn't long before Kondarios got into the first team, which at the time was one of the strongest in the State League.

The young Kondarios lined up alongside Jimmy Mackay and Bill Vojtek, two former Socceros, Bill McArthur, the current coach of Essendon Croatia, Horst Rau, Frank Bot and Hammy McMeachan to name a few.

Kondarios played for one and a half seasons in the Croatia first team, but then came Croatia's expulsion in 1972.

"The decision to expel the club wasn't fair," said Jim. "There were people who were out to get Croatia, and they blew up the whole thing. I can remember times when Footscray supporters made more trouble than Croatia, but Croatia was the only club that got punished."

I asked Jim whether he'd ever run into trouble because he's played for both Croatia and Footscray JUST, which don't enjoy a friendly relationship with each other.

"I've never been involved in any of that rivalry," he answered. "And I think that people should forget about it. Politics and sport don't mix."

Among the confusion and legal wrangles associated with Croatia's expulsion, the players were overlooked.

Jim spent the second half of the 1972 season with Parkville in the Sunday League and overall it just wasn't his year.

After failing to pay a \$50 fine, Parkville was expelled!

"All the Parkville players and supporters would go to parties until all hours of the morning," said Jim. "Then roll up at the ground the next day. A lot of the time, the supporters were drunk during the game."

Kondarios returned to top soccer for the 1973 season! Already he had made a name for himself, and Canberra Croatia was prepared to fly him up to the national capital to play each week.

"First of all I told Canberra Croatia that I would play for them," said Jim, "but my mother didn't like the idea of me flying interstate every weekend."

"One Saturday night I went to a dance with a few friends. When I got there, two Keilor Australia officials approached me, and said they wanted me to play for Austria."

"I asked them how did they know I was going to the dance and they said that they'd followed me from my house!"

Kondarios agreed terms with Keilor Austria on the spot, then enjoyed his night out.

The next morning there was a knock on his door. It was the president of Canberra Croatia, who had come to take Jim back to the ACT! Jim explained the situation and the Canberra man left disappointed.

Kondarios saddled up for his first season with Austria but the Keilor club struggled, finishing 11th.

"There were never any outstanding players in the team," said Jim. "Mostly we had left-overs who came to Austria to make a few dollars."

"One guy trained for one night, was given a couple of hundred dollars as a signing on fee and was never seen again."

"At the start of 1974, I knew we would do badly again unless the club got some players. They bought Jack Goodwin who was a good player, and there was talk of two German imports being flown in. But the club decided the team was good enough."

Kondarios was right; Austria struggled and was relegated from the State League.

Kondarios rightly thought that playing in the First Division wouldn't do his career any good, so he decided to transfer.

"Fitzroy Utd and Footscray both asked me to train with them," said Jim, "but my father told me to steer clear of Fitzroy. I'd had a bit of trouble before with Fitzroy. The club was all talk and no action, so I decided to join Footscray."

Jim quickly settled in at Footscray and the BIG 'K' combination - Kondarios and Kriaris - was into action.

Kondarios explained how the two Jims used to operate on the field.

"When we were defending against free kicks or corner kicks, or when the other team had pushed us back into our own penalty area," said Kondarios, "I'd mark the tallest forward, and Jim would pick up someone else in the area."

"But I don't like shadowing a forward for the whole game. It's better to defend a space than to chase another guy around the field for 90 minutes."

Kondarios added that apart from the procedure at corner or free kick situations, he and Kriaris would defend as the need arose, and didn't worry about plans and tactics.

On his dislike of man-to-man marking, he told of a time he was given the job of following Glasgow Rangers striker Derek Parlane in a game against Victoria.

"They beat us 5-0," he said, "and the guy I was against just didn't stand still for a moment. He had me chasing him all over the place."

Kondarios is a regular in the Victorian team and has played 10 games, including matches against Dundee, Ararat, Boro, Tottenham Hotspur, Velez Mostar, Benfica and Glasgow Rangers.

He was selected in an Australian 'B' XI in a game against South Australia, which was a curtain-raiser to an Australia v Russia match, but has yet to be named in the full Soccerro squad.

During his four years with Footscray, the club has won the State League Cup (twice), the Dockerty Cup and the Ampol Cup, and Kondarios has won the club's best and fairest award.

He names as his most difficult opponents this season Dixie Deane of Adelaide City and Ken Boden of Newcastle KB Utd, and added Frank Micic and Branko Buljevic as the finest players he's seen at Footscray.

"Deane is a master at using tricks to beat an opponent," said Jim. "You can tell he's played in tougher competitions overseas."

"Boden is incredibly skilful, and can turn with a ball very quickly."

"Micic was a top player, but I like Buljevic a lot because he can get the ball and hold it, waiting for his team mates to support. Every team needs a striker who can do that."

Although not a veteran, Kondarios has some very handy tips for young players.

"I'm not the most skilful player around," he admitted, "but I've made up for it with determination. It doesn't matter if a player is very skilful or has just ordinary skills, he must have the determination to keep fighting and to do the best he can."

"We can coach juniors and start them off, but really it's up to the individual whether he makes it or not."

That attitude has got Jim Kondarios to the top, and will no doubt keep him there for many years to come.



Derek Parlane of Glasgow Rangers




The type of forward every team needs . . . Branko Buljevic of Fitzroy.



Jim Kriaris, Kondarios' defensive partner for many years, is pictured (above) beating a Fitzroy opponent to the ball.



Velez Mostar of Yugoslavia. Kondarios played against Velez when the team toured Australia.



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Slavia's Jim Train is airborne as he clears the ball

# Stars and scorers of State League

Compiled by **KYLE PATTERSON** and **PETER DESIRA**



Makedonia's goalkeeper Peter Laumets shouts instructions to his defence

**The Victorian Rothmans State League is over, so 'Soccer Action' has compiled each club's players' appearances, goalscorers and the votegetters in our Player of the Year award.**

## ALBION LEYLAND

**Appearances:** (as sub in brackets)

- 22 Mitten  
21 McCormack  
20 Davidson (1), McClusky  
19 Blair, McIntyre  
18 Quinn (2)  
15 Daperis (3), Greechan (2)  
15 Oliver (1)  
14 D'Sylva (3)  
11 Campbell  
9 Johnstone, Nesbit  
9 Green (1)  
4 Emtin (1)  
2 Malkousis  
1 Smart  
(2) Bentley, Doolan, McCurry  
**Votegetters:**  
(1) Lenders  
**Goalscorers:**  
10 Blair  
8 Mitten  
6 Davidson  
5 Oliver  
4 McClusky, Greechan  
3 Quinn, McIntyre  
2 McCormack  
1 Draperis

## ALTONA CITY

- Appearances:**  
22 Gramsbergen  
21 Davidson, Taylor, Watters  
20 van der Poel  
17 Brown  
15 Plessa (5), Lottle (1), Lewis  
13 Ackers (5), Kelly  
12 Train (4)  
10 Murray (2)  
9 Gambin (3)  
6 Banagan (2)  
4 Ignatidis (2)  
2 Innis (2), Masseni (2), Wilson (2)  
1 O'Donnell, Pedley  
(4) Waterman  
(2) Lambrou  
(1) Buckley  
**Votegetters:**  
12 Davidson  
11 van der Poel  
10 Watters  
8 Brown  
7 Lewis  
6 Little, Taylor  
4 Gramsbergen  
3 Ackers  
2 Gambin  
1 Plessa  
**Goalscorers:**  
6 Brown  
5 Taylor, Little  
3 Gambin  
2 Banagan  
1 Ackers, Ignatidis, Davidson, Gramsbergen, Lewis

## ESSENDON CROATIA

- Appearances:**  
22 Cumming, Gardiner, Kerr, Kokoska, Murphy  
21 Andrews (1)  
20 Smart  
17 Biliwer  
14 Banovic  
11 Gilder (3)  
10 Culina (6)  
10 Vojtek (6)  
9 Krncevic  
7 Davidson (3), Franjic (1)  
5 Lesan (1)  
1 Petrovski  
(2) Franjin, Kuzmanov  
**Votegetters:**  
23 Cumming  
14 Gardiner  
12 Kerr  
9 Kokoska, Banovic  
8 Krncevic  
6 Murphy  
2 Malkousis  
3 Vojtek, Biliwer  
2 Smart, Andrews  
**Goalscorers:**  
12 Cumming  
9 Krncevic  
6 Vojtek  
5 Kerr, Murphy  
4 Davidson, Gilder  
2 Kokoska, Culina  
1 Lesan

## FRANKSTON CITY

- Appearances:**  
22 Irvine, G. Bannan, MacGregor  
20 V. Bannan  
18 Eddie (1), Petersen (1), Gillespie  
17 Tulloch (2)  
14 Parrott (3)  
13 Williamson (3)  
11 Webster (4), Fox (2)  
9 Campbell (3), Adams (2)  
8 Dall (5)  
5 Taylor (5)  
4 Burgess  
1 Cooper  
(1) Knott  
**Votegetters:**  
10 Irvine, MacGregor  
6 Petersen, Adams



From top left: Uli Pfisterer (Juventus), Hugh Howe (Sunshine), Keith Adams (Ringwood), John Patten (Green Gully).

## Ken Reed (George Cross)

- 4 Gillespie, V. Bannan  
3 Webster, Dall, Tulloch  
2 Eddie, Taylor, Parrott, Williamson, G. Bannan  
**Goalscorers:**  
7 MacGregor  
5 Eddie  
4 Webster  
2 Fox, Dall  
1 Irvine, V. Bannan

## GEORGE CROSS

- Appearances:**  
22 Barron, Reed, Webb  
21 Maitland  
17 Cullen  
16 McConville  
15 Paparas (2), Wilkinson  
14 Castiello (1), Mirak  
13 Cutajar  
12 Natsoson, Murphy  
10 Rice (2)  
8 Mifsud (1)  
4 Walker  
2 Ismal  
1 Ebini (2), Kelly (1)  
(2) Lawler, Scicluna (1) Berni  
**Votegetters:**  
14 Reed  
13 Cullen  
8 Paparas  
5 Mifsud  
5 McConville  
4 Mirak  
3 Wilkinson, Castiello  
2 Murphy, Webb  
1 Maitland  
**Goalscorers:**  
10 Reed  
7 Cullen, Paparas  
2 Murphy, Maitland  
1 Ebini, Webb, Wilkinson, Mirak

## GREEN GULLY

- Appearances:**  
22 Denny, Donaldson, McCarthy, Patten  
20 L. Thomson (2)  
19 Klein (1)  
17 Segi (2), Cain  
16 Tribuzio (5), Carr  
15 Daniels  
12 Parkin  
4 Bennie, Vassallo  
3 Smith (4), J. Thompson, Berens  
2 Grilly (3), Torner (2)  
1 Gambin (3)  
(1) Megro, Hogben  
**Votegetters:**  
14 Cain  
12 Patten  
11 McCarthy  
7 Denny  
5 L. Thomson, Carr  
4 Klein  
3 Bennie, Daniels, Tribuzio, Vassallo  
2 Segi  
1 Donaldson, Perkin, Cilly

## Gordon MacGregor (Frankston)

- Goalscorers:**  
8 Segi  
6 Tribuzio  
5 Carr  
3 Perkin, Bennie  
2 Vassallo  
1 Cain, Daniels, McCarthy

## HAKOAH

- Appearances:**  
22 Whiteside  
2 Baker (1), Clarey  
19 French, Gibson  
18 Blair (1), Jordanou (1), Owens (1)  
17 Valli (1)  
16 Dosen  
11 Gadsby (4), Craig (3)  
8 Daperis (5)  
7 Rainey (1)  
5 Rooney (1)  
4 Edmondson (1)  
3 Nagy (1), McNeil  
1 Adamgikis  
(3) Micic  
(2) Smith  
**Votegetters:**  
18 Whiteside  
12 Blair  
8 Clarey, Baker  
3 Daperis, Jordanou, Rainey, Owens, Gibson  
2 French, Gadsby  
1 Nagy  
**Goalscorers:**  
13 Clarey  
5 French  
4 Craig, Gibson  
3 Rooney  
1 Daperis, Nagy

## JUVENTUS

- Appearances:**  
22 Pfisterer, Watkins  
20 C. Lucchesi (1), Della Rocca, Walker  
19 Sabidussi (3), Hotson (2)  
16 Smith (4)  
15 Sabadinski (1)  
14 Symington (1)  
13 Curcio (6)  
10 Terzini  
9 Graham  
8 Armstrong (3)  
6 Sannipoli (1)  
3 J. Lucchesi (4), Harby (1)  
2 Peponiadis  
1 Mock  
(1) Berbia  
**Votegetters:**  
10 Hotson  
7 Sabidussi, Walker  
6 Watkins  
5 C. Lucchesi  
3 Della Rocca, Graham  
2 Armstrong, Smith  
1 Symington, Curcio, Terzini, Sannipoli

## Goalscorers:

- 7 C. Lucchesi  
3 Watkins  
2 Armstrong, Smith  
1 Hotson, Sabadinski, Berbia, Sabidussi, Walker

## SLAVIA

- Appearances:**  
22 Short, Yzendoorn, Thompson, Train  
21 Paton (1)  
20 Clarke  
16 Aldridge (3), Miller  
14 Whiteside (1)  
13 Plummer  
12 Williams (1)  
10 Westley (1)  
8 Turner (8)  
7 Tuft (2)  
6 Bolton  
4 Pye  
3 Gooch (1)  
1 O'Halloran (2), Rivero (2)  
(2) Randles  
(1) Bennie, Milborrow  
**Votegetters:**  
24 Yzendoorn  
20 Short  
8 Train, Williams  
7 Paton  
5 Clarke  
2 Thompson  
1 Plummer  
**Goalscorers:**  
17 Paton  
3 Short  
2 Whiteside, Train, Aldridge, Williams  
1 Turner, Bolton

## PRESTON MAKEDONIA

- Appearances:**  
22 Glennon, Laumets  
21 McMillan (1), McClymont  
19 Hooper  
17 Beech (3), Brewerton  
16 Lesbirel (1), Petrovski (1)  
10 Glasson (1)  
9 Hallam (2)  
8 Fawknar (3)  
7 Savesski (1)  
4 Gladding  
3 McGifford (3)  
2 Flaherty, Majdovski  
(1) Boglis, Gelevski



Left: Rob Gramsbergen (Altona), right: Stewart Blair (Hakoah)

## Votegetters:

- 17 McClymont  
13 Bernard  
8 Lesbirel  
8 Fawknar  
5 Petrovski  
4 Brewerton, Beech  
3 Savesski, McMillan  
2 Laumets, Glennon, Blasevski  
**Goalscorers:**  
14 McMillan  
6 Glennon  
5 Bernard  
3 Lesbirel, Petrovski, McClymont  
2 Blasevski, Hallam, Savesski  
1 Glasson, Brewerton, Fawknar

## RINGWOOD CITY

- Appearances:**  
21 Adams, Carnaby, Luyten, Thom, Wilding  
20 Verniers  
18 Garthwaite (2)  
15 O'Callaghan (1), Plumb (1), Coulson  
10 Pasman (4)  
9 de Bruyckere (4), Barber  
6 Kupinic (5)  
5 Anderson  
4 Lia (3)  
3 Schott (1)  
1 Christian (1), G. Groenwald (1), Van Leuwerden (1), Brown, Pendry, Saunders, Selby, Tattersall  
(1) W. Groenwald, R. Groenwald  
**Votegetters:**  
13 Carnaby  
12 Coulson  
6 Adams, Wilding  
3 O'Callaghan, Barber  
2 Berniers  
1 Luyten, Pasman  
**Goalscorers:**  
6 Luyten  
4 Thom  
2 Coulson, Garthwaite, O'Callaghan  
1 van Leuwerden, Carnaby, Verniers, Plumb

## SUNSHINE CITY

- Appearances:**  
22 Howe, R. Nelson, Pocock  
21 Dixey, Scholten  
20 Ellis, D. Nelson  
19 Banagan (1)  
18 Mussel  
17 Lowe  
14 Laing (4)  
10 McRobert (5)  
8 Cook (4)  
3 Parkin (2)  
2 Nierobisz (4), Gilmour (1)  
1 Contini  
(2) Esposto  
**Votegetters:**  
11 Pocock  
10 Lowe, Dixey  
7 Ellis, Banagan  
6 D. Nelson, R. Nelson  
5 Mussel  
4 McRobert  
3 Laing  
1 Howe, Scholten  
**Goalscorers:**  
8 D. Nelson  
6 Pocock  
4 Laing  
3 McRobert  
2 R. Nelson  
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By  
PETER  
SCOTT

If anyone deserved a good season in 1978 it was unquestionably Western Suburbs' livewire striker Clive Eaton, joint leading scorer in the national competition's second year.

The 26-year-old Englishman's name was on the lips of soccer fans around the country as he raced Newcastle United's Kenny Boden for the coveted honor of being Australian soccer's top sharpshooter.

To many who watched his progress this year, Clive Eaton was virtually a new face and a new name.

It isn't a widely recognised fact that he has been playing in Australia since the beginning of the 1974 season.

In all those years, Clive must have earned himself the tag of Sydney soccer's unluckiest player. But that is getting ahead of ourselves.

Clive Eaton was a latecomer to competitive soccer.

Back in his native Stoke he didn't come to anyone's attention in school soccer, that wasn't his cup of tea.

His career began with one of English social life's grand old institutions, the local pub team.

Or, to be more accurate, two pub teams.

On Saturdays Clive turned out with the Foley Arms, doubling up in the colors of the Old Mill on Sundays.

At this stage he started giving some thought to playing for hard cash instead of pints of bitter and lager and Clive put out feelers towards Port Vale, a well-known club in the lower regions of the English League.

However, fate — in the form of Stoke City centre-half Dennis Smith — intervened.

Smith spotted Clive in one of the local derbies and recommended him to Stoke City manager Tony Waddington.

Waddington and his scouts took a look, liked what they saw and Clive Eaton suddenly found himself signed to a two-year contract as a full time professional with one of Britain's top clubs.

Clive did not manage to set the world on fire but — without realising it — had taken the first steps on the long road to Australia.

For a season and a half he was a reliable and hard-working member of Stoke City's reserve grade squad and looked likely to remain there until Mike Laing came knocking on the door one day.

It is typical of Clive's career — which had many more downs than ups until this year — that Laing went to Stoke trying to sign another player, Ian Moores.



Western Suburbs' Clive Eaton — joint top scorer in the Philips League.

However, Waddington would have none of it and recommended Eaton instead.

Understandably, Laing wanted to see his new player in action and fronted up for a Reserve grade match where Clive was on the bench.

He was promised a run in the second half but, it being a vital match and the scores tied at 1-1, the promise wasn't kept.

Laing, apart from being one of the shrewdest men in Australian soccer, is apparently a bit of a gambler too because he decided to sign the stocky young striker sight unseen.

I wasn't too keen on coming to Australia," Clive admitted this week, but he allowed himself to be influenced by his mother and a few of his mates.

This in spite of the fact that those of Stoke's players who had been to our shores were less than impressed by the soccer set-up in Australia.

It was thus that Clive Eaton finally stepped onto Australian soil at Sydney Airport in the summer of 1974.

For a while it seemed his luck had finally taken a turn for the better — what with five goals scored in his first three matches with the Magpies.

Alas, this was only a moment of sunshine before the storm.

"I didn't realise it then but I was not going to have a full season of football for the next three years," Clive recalled.

Soon after the season started a few ill-chosen words by Eaton, directed at referee Frank Sibson in a competition match, were allowed to develop into an incident which drew a very heavy penalty.

Clive was charged with sundry offences, including one of spitting, which he vehemently denies to this day, and a 12-month suspension was slapped on him.

# Eaton shakes off his jinx

## Goal king missed 6 months through suspension, 7 months through injury

He bitterly blames the escalation of the incident on the referee. Clive would not let the matter rest and prepared a strong defence — complete with several eyewitnesses — for his appeal.

The merits of his case must have impressed his judges — at least to a degree — as the sentence was reduced to six months.

Western Suburbs told the suspended player that, although his wages were to be cut drastically for the six months, they nevertheless wanted him to stick around for a fresh start next season.

"I thought: why not stick it out, so I stayed," Clive remembered — and so he hoped for a new dawn in 1975.

It was not to be.

A torn hamstring muscle forced him out of the game for 17 weeks, followed by months of agonising effort trying to get back to match fitness.

Finally he made it and then tore a cartilage, which side-lined him for three months during 1976.

An operation was recommended but Clive took a gamble (and after that litany of misfortune who could blame him?) that his body would heal itself.

"It turned out all right, I am now 100 per cent," he said.

And so came 1977, Wests in the Philips League and Clive Eaton in tip-top shape for once — unsuspended and uninjured — ready to play his part in Australian soccer's greatest adventure.

Apart from a couple of smaller knocks he lasted out the season, playing in 24 league matches, scoring seven goals and playing a big part in Wests' brilliant early run which saw them lead the competition for the first six rounds.

They hung on to second place until the 11th round and continued to play a major part in the championship race throughout the year.

The impetus of 1977 carried over into 1978 — at least as far as Clive was concerned.

All memories of injuries, suspensions, the substitutes' bench, were gone this year.



Eaton (stripes) appeals for the ball with Chris Kalafatis (right) of South Melbourne.

Clive Eaton burst onto the Australian soccer scene like a meteor playing football full of energy, vitality, enthusiasm and good old-fashioned opportunism.

Apart from his 14 league goals, he was also on the spot twice for Wests in cup matches.

Clive also appeared in every game Western Suburbs played this season, from the humblest pre-season, trial match to the most vital league matches.

It is a measure of the man that he managed to pick himself up off the floor so often and is still widely recognised as one of the most cheerful characters in Sydney soccer.

Much of the credit he gives to his team mates at Wests, where the team spirit is "magic".

"We are all friends, get together socially, have parties and enjoy our life together," he says.

"This is what you need in a club. It is not enough just to train and play in a group.

"At Wests you will never find us at a loss for a few friendly words and this is the main thing that holds me to the club, even if the pay is not the best in the PSL," he says.

However, now married to secretary-manager Gordon Stratford — and expecting their first child in November, Clive Eaton is giving serious thought to his future.

"My contract has expired and whether I stay with Wests depends on the terms they offer for next year."

Beyond that, my main ambition is to be in a team which wins something one of these days."

He expects bright performances from Wests in 1979, "with many of our youngsters greatly improved and more experienced after being blooded this year."

"Credit must go to Mike Laing for giving them the chance to become regular first graders."

"All we need now is a couple of good players — depending, of course, on how many members of the present squad sign up again for next season."

Clive is disappointed that — at least temporarily — negotiations on a merger with APIA have fallen through.

"There is something to be said for amalgamation, when we are

playing before a handful of people each week.

"It has a big effect on players who turn out before empty terraces, we run onto the field, look at the hill and think: Oh well, here we go again ..."

"You just can't rise to the occasion like that!"

Clive said the move to Wentworth Park and the series of double-headers with Hakoah were a definite improvement — especially after the months at Durai.

"That was terrible in every respect — location, crowds, and having to drive for an hour to get to training."

A British citizen, Clive seemed genuinely surprised when it was suggested he ought to think about naturalisation — in case his goalscoring feats catch Rudi Gutendorf's eye next year.

"It never entered my mind but I suppose if he became interested I ought to do it."

His thoughts, as far as soccer is concerned, are centred firmly on the Philips League, where he considers Hakoah easily the best team in Australia, closely followed by Marconi, "who always gives us a very hard time."

Clive deflected any comparison between the PSL and the NSW championships which existed before the national competition started two years ago.

"In the old days we always had matches which we knew would pose no great challenge, but there are no easy games in the Philips League," he said.

"It is a major league, which is finally showing Australians what soccer is all about."

"They can see the games on television, see top clashes in the different cities and are starting to take notice."

"If handled properly, all this will pay off in a few years and the kids will take up soccer instead of surfing."

"That's our biggest handicap here, this damned wonderful weather that drives them to the beaches," he said with a laugh.

And it is the laugh — or rather, a smile — which are Clive Eaton's hallmarks off the field, as much as his lethal boots are on it.

Whether he stays with Western Suburbs or looks for his small slice of good fortune with another club next year, he will be a definite gain — both as a player and as a very nice man!

# German teams to visit

West German clubs Hertha-Zehlendorf 03 and Paderborn will visit Australia next year.

Hertha says it has two games lined up in NSW — one of them in Wollongong — and wants a game in Melbourne or Geelong on Saturday, January 6.

Paderborn, which plays in the top amateur league of Westphalia, will play in Victoria and South Australia next June.

Paderborn's visit presents country centres like Morwell,

Shepparton, Geelong or Ballarat with a big opportunity to stage an international match, as it would be difficult for the Germans to find suitable dates in Melbourne at that time of the year.

Hertha will be on its sixth visit to Australia.

Its Melbourne games over the years have been against Victoria in 1970, Ringwood, Wilhelmina in 1972, Keilor

Austria in 1973, Alexander-Juventus combined in 1975 and Slavia-Croatia combined in 1977.

The squad will include most of the players who took Hertha into the final of the German youth championships.

They lost to Duisburg in the final, but on the way they beat Hamburger SV and CF Cologne among others.

At the moment, Hertha is in second place on the Berlin regional league ladder.

Their aim is to win promotion to the Bundesliga Second Division.

Their best players include Harth and Loder, both members of the German national youth squad.

Biedor, Pohle and Brauer are three of the present squad members who made the tour of Australia in 1977.

Another good player is Yayla who comes from Turkey.

In the past, Hertha has boasted outstanding players in Klemann who now plays for Hertha BSC in the Bundesliga, Suenholz, who went on to play for Bayern Munich and is now a star in the U.S. and Zimmer and Stolzenburg who are with Bundesliga clubs.

Another Hertha star, Pierre Littbarski, 18, was sold recently to FC Cologne and has been included in the West German national squad.



## Coates to stay with the Saints

St. George has won its battle to keep former Tottenham Hotspur star Ralph Coates (pictured).

Marconi made a strong bid for him but Coates decided to stay with St. George and has signed a two-year contract.

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Hertha-Zehlendorf striker Immi Biedor.



Victorija nema predstavnika u polufinalu Philips Kupa. U nedelju su odigrane četvrtafinalne utakmice. JUVENTUS iz Adaltona pobedio Essendon/Croftsville sa 1.0 (0-0) pred 5000 gledalaca na Olympic Parku. Gosti su igrali bolje, ali rezultat je lako mogao biti obrnut. U Canberra je domaći tim pobedio na penale Aleksandra, koji je bio favoriti poslednja dva Meibuma.

**BEZ TRENINGA NEMA POBEDE**  
Drugi tim JUST-A se vrlo malo pripremao za važnu kup utakmicu protiv Melbourne. "Plavi" su imali samo jedan trening prošle nedelje, ako se probna utakmica u polumeru uposte može nazvati treningom. No i pored loše pripreme JUST je imao više od igre, ali nije imao sportske sreće niti centarfora. Melbourne je pobedio u produžetku od pola sata. Sudija je pogrešno na metu "plavih". Zbog napučenosti lopte dosuđio je slobodan udarac na 20 metara od gola. Nabacenu loptu jedan igrač Melbourne je zahvatio glavom i poslao pred prečku. Ostrovsky se loše poslucao. Kasnije je Jovan Canckovic iznenadno protivničkog golmana sličnim udarcem glavom, ali je lopta proletela pored same prečke u gol. Pred kraj regularnog vremena Pavle Simić je pogodio stavku. Ovo nije bio JUST-ov dan, koji je lepo kombinirao ali pred golom nije imao snalažljivih pucača. Krajnji rezultat 2:1 za Melbourne. Jedini gol za "plave" postigao je Adrian Ristic iz jedanaesterca.

Sastav JUST-a: Ostrovsky, Smurgeski, Karic, Dimovski, Canckovic, Acenovic, Belic, Simic (kapiten), Atanasovski, Petrevski, Katanovski.

**INTER U DRUGOM KOLU**  
Od tri nasa kluba samo je INTER prethodno putoputno kolo protiv Ringwood Kupa. "BELI" su zasuzeno pobedili. Sastav: Jovan Canckovic, 3:0 (2-0) na JUST-ovom igralistu u Footscray. INTER je bio brzi, ali su pojedinci zbog drzali loptu, što se pomoglo protivniku da ne doživi pravu katastrofu. Strelci za Inter: Steven Belorov, Ante Cetinac i Zvonko Babinar. Sastav Intera: M. Karafil, M.

## ZIKA NIKOLIC

Nikolašević, J. Dovic (Z. Stefanovic), R. Nobilo, A. Dovic, Z. Lacoć, Z. Macanovic, D. Pantic, S. Belorov (M. Ivanovic), A. Cetinac, Z. Bartol.

Greensborough — Carlton/SRBIA 3:0 (1-0). Protivnik je igrao na prednost, dok su igrači SRBIJE brzo izjednačili loptu. Velika stava ce biti ako Central Altona Ispadne, jer je bila favoriti za osvajanje ovog kupa.

U Makedonskom Kupu Central Altona je ušla u polufinale, pošto je pobedila West Geelong sa 5:3 na penale (Regularno vreme 0:0). Strelci sa bele tacke za Central Altonu: Kotevski, J. Serovski, Tundjevski, Gelevski, Cetinac. Sastav Central Altona: Surbevski, Trajkovski, Tundjevski, J. Serovski, Naumovski, Skubekski, M. Serovski (Lazarevski), Kotevski, Andjelovski, Micevski.

**BRAVO TARAX!**  
Svako ko je dosao na Middle Park prošle nedelje, nije zazalio ni jedan trenutak. Veterani Taraxa su pružili igru kakva se danas retko vidja. Pobjedili su zasluženo brojni sastav Bowater Scott sa 5:0 (2-0). Golman je spasio pobedu od dvostrucnog poraza.

**KATASTROFA JUNIORA**  
Box Hill je u finalu JUST-a 16 godina prethodno juniora JUST-a 3:0 (2-0). "Plavima" su se oskade noge, nikad seljaci nisu igrali, narocito je golman bio igrala. Drugi gol je izradio Steven Kosovac, a nabacenu loptu na penalskim utakmicama. Drugi gol za "plave" dao je Robert Erdog.

## COACH POWERS TARAX

### FIRST CUP TRIUMPH

By JAN-WERNER HENTE

**Tarax won the Black Douglas Cup final of the Industrial Soccer League on Sunday at Middle Park Stadium convincingly 5-0 against a luckless Bowater Scott team.**

It's the first time Tarax has ever won a trophy although they have been bridesmaids often. The Scotts were huffed and looked uncomfortable on the dry ground and playing before about 1000 spectators under a blazing sun.

After a nervous opening by both teams, Tarax took only a few minutes to warm to the task, and had their midfielders pushing the ball to both flanks where Ibro Hadzilevic on the left, and especially Steven Kosovac on the right wing passed the Bowater Scott defenders at will.

The first goal came when Kosovac received a long through pass from Barry Griffiths, hit a perfect pass just inside the box where his captain coach, Mike Adomovic, converted with ease.

A minute later, Adomovic passed to his left wing, Hadzilevic, who crossed and found right winger Kosovac, whose header just beat the target.

Bowater Scott goalkeeper, Marty Koenen, and a lot of luck, temporarily halted any scoring, but Tarax was constantly in attack.

In the 26th minute, Tarax left wing Hadzilevic was injured and shortly afterwards replaced by Stephen Lay.

While the Tarax defence regrouped, the Bowater Scott team got on top and started their first serious attack.

Pushed by their midfielders, Mal Leach and Ian McCole, the Scotts started rolling attacks, and this was the only time that the Bowater Scott defence really had the mercurial Tarax attackers, especially Kosovac, under control.

Tarax defenders Barry Davis and Lay had their hands full, but the Scotts

lacked penetration and fizzed out near the box.

Mike Plunkett, Brian Quigley, even defender Leach tried to score, but goalkeeper Senior Kael for Tarax saved again and again; sometimes with more than just an ounce of luck.

A quick counter attack by Tarax after a classical combination, which started in defence with Griffiths, Todorovic, and Pantic, the ball came to Mike Kresinger, who touched the ball into the net from only a few metres.

In the 78th minute, it was again Kosovac who scored for Tarax. A few minutes before that, it was once more Kosovac who scored a long shot from Jovan Milinovic into the net for his hat trick and the final result of 5-0.

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Industrial League Cup final: TARAX 5 (Kosovac, 3, Adomovic, Kresinger) BOWATER SCOTT 0 at Middle Park.

TARAX: Kazi, Davis, Griffiths, Milinovic, Todorovic, Kosovac, Pantic, Kresinger, Mladenovic, Adomovic, Hadzilevic injured (Lay 26th minute) BOWATER: Koenen, McCole, Dinsdale, Leach, Shaw, McCole, Howarth (Hirsch 72nd minute), Plunkett, Quigley, Dunning, Virgin.

Best players: Tarax - Kosovac (best on ground), Griffiths, Kazi, Adomovic, Bowater - McCole, Quigley.

14th and 15th minutes had the Scotts under pressure.

Both goalkeepers saved repeatedly, then McCole was injured. A little later Scotts' Howarth was taken off and replaced by Helmut Hirsch, but it made little difference.

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## Makedonia Cup

Makedonia Cup results were: Makedonia A 3 Pascoe Vale 2, Makedonia B w/alkovir Shepparton, Meko Holdings 2 Altona Utd 1, Central Altona 0 Geelong 0 Central Altona won 5-4 on penalties.

The semi-finals will be played this Saturday at B.T. Connor Reserve. The timetable of games is: 12.30 p.m. - Central Altona v Makedonia B; 1.40 p.m. - Makedonia A v Meko Holdings 2.50 p.m. - 14th Juventus v Makedonia 4.00 p.m. - Makedonia Cup Final.

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Ringwood United v Ringwood City under 9 group one 9.45 - 10.15.  
Doncaster Rovers v Ringwood United under 11A group one 10.20 - 10.50.  
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Seaford v Monbulk under 15 group one 11.30 - 12.00.  
Mulgrave v Ringwood United under 10 group one 12.05 - 12.35.  
Ringwood United v East Bentleigh under 13A group one 12.40 - 1.10.  
Group one v Group two under 13B finals 1.30 - 2.00.  
**PITCH 2**  
Ringwood United v Bulleen under 12 group two 9.45 - 10.15.  
Kellor v Rosebud under 13B group two 10.20 - 10.50.  
East Bentleigh v Ringwood United under 13A group two 10.55 - 11.25.  
Springvale City v Monash girls group two 11.30 - 12.00.  
Ringwood City v Waverley City under 12 group two 12.05 - 12.35.  
**PITCH 3**  
Ringwood United v Waverley City under 13A group two 9.45 - 10.15.  
Ringwood United v Seaford under 15 group one 10.20 - 10.50.  
Kellor v Rosebud under 13B group one 10.55 - 11.25.  
Waverley City v Ringwood United under 11B group one 11.30 - 12.00.  
Monbulk v Seaford under 15 group two 12.05 - 12.35.  
Croydon City v Doncaster Rovers under 11A group one 12.40 - 1.10.  
Group one v Group two under 9 finals 1.30 - 2.00.  
**PITCH 4**  
Ringwood United v Monbulk under 15 group two 9.45 - 10.15.  
East Bentleigh v Waverley City under 13A group one 10.20 - 10.50.  
Sunbury v Ringwood United under 12 group two 10.55 - 11.25.  
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Ringwood United v Ringwood City under 10 group two 11.30 - 12.00.  
Springvale City v Monash girls group one 12.05 - 12.35.

**PITCH 6**  
Ringwood United v Waverley City under 9 group two 12.40 - 1.10.  
Group one v Group two under 11A finals 1.30 - 2.00.  
**PITCH 7**  
Ringwood United v Waverley City under 13A group two 9.45 - 10.15.  
Ringwood United v Seaford under 15 group one 10.20 - 10.50.  
Kellor v Rosebud under 13B group one 10.55 - 11.25.  
Waverley City v Ringwood United under 11B group one 11.30 - 12.00.  
Monbulk v Seaford under 15 group two 12.05 - 12.35.  
Croydon City v Doncaster Rovers under 11A group one 12.40 - 1.10.  
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Doncaster Rovers B v Ringwood United B under 8 group two 9.00 - 9.20.  
Ringwood United v Kellor under 13B group one 9.45 - 10.15.  
Bulleen v Sunbury under 12 group one 10.20 - 10.50.  
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Ringwood United A v Ringwood City A under 7 group one 9.00 - 9.20.  
Ringwood United B v Croydon City A under 7 group one 9.25 - 9.45.  
Doncaster Rovers A v East Bentleigh A under 8 group one 9.50 - 10.10.  
Ringwood City A v Croydon City A under 7 group one 10.15 - 10.35.  
Doncaster Rovers A v Doncaster Rovers A under 8 group one 10.40 - 11.00.  
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East Bentleigh A v Ringwood United A under 8 group one 12.20 - 12.40.  
Ringwood City A v Ringwood United A under 7 group one 12.45 - 1.05.  
Croydon City A v Doncaster Rovers A under 8 group one 1.10 - 1.30.  
Group one v Group two under 7 finals 1.40 - 2.00.  
**PITCH 11**  
Ringwood United C v Doncaster Rovers A under 7 group two 9.00 - 9.20.  
Ringwood City B v Croydon City B under 7 group two 9.25 - 9.45.  
East Bentleigh B v Croydon City B under 8 group two 9.50 - 10.10.  
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Ringwood United B v Croydon City B under 8 group two 10.40 - 11.00.  
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## SPRINGVALE WINS THE DON DEE CUP

Springvale City beat Ferntree Gully 2-1 in the final to win the Don Dee Footwear Cup for under 12s.

In the first round, Springvale beat Ringwood United 1-0 with a goal by Michael McKinlay.

Other first-round results were Frankston Pines 3 Boronia 2 and Ferntree Gully 5, Mitcham 2.

Due to two teams withdrawing at the last moment, play-offs between Ringwood Utd., Frankston Pines and Mitcham resulted in Mitcham making the semi-finals.

In the first semi-final Springvale beat Pines 3-0 with goals by Bruce Gardiner, Mark Rogers and Les Attard.

Ferntree Gully beat Mitcham 2-1 in the other semi-final.

In the final, Ferntree Gully held a 1-0 lead at half time but Springvale came back with goals by Mark Rogers and George Damarika to win 2-1.

The Springvale squad was: Chris Wicks, Garry Eickhoff, Andrew Stefanovic (captain), Michael McKinlay, Adam Whips, David Martindale, George Damarika, Lee Attard, Mark Rogers, Richard Wicks, Mario Piasentini, Bruce Gardiner, Erten Simsek and Markus Brotz.

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## Croydon's finally made it

After finishing runners-up for three years, the boys of Croydon's under 11A team have finally won a league championship.

The boys came second as under 8s in 1975, as under 9s in 1976 and as under 10s in 1977.

Coach for the past four years has been Dennis Oates who has done a superb job with the boys.

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## Six were under age

Richmond has won the 13A championship in the Victorian Central Region although six of its players were still eligible for under 11 or under 12 teams.

The boys were managed by M. Antonopoulos who joined Richmond from Hellas, and coached by former State League player A. Kleinert.

Pictured from left, standing: A. Antonopoulos (manager), G. Wilson, T. Sammann, A. Avramoussis, S. Kleinert, J. Moustos, V. Ormeroullari, S. Antonopoulos, D. Panayiotopoulos, A. Kleinert (coach) Front: N. Kerkaletsis, W. Henderson, P. Kuss, C. Weiland, E. Gernares Missing: A. Koutsos.

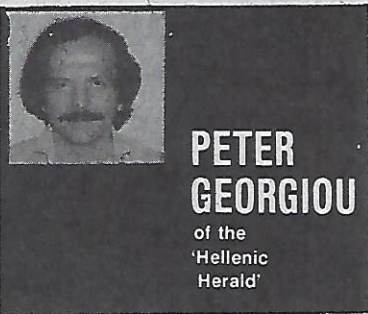
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# PETER GEORGIU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

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Μού τό άποκάλυψε ό προπονητής του τήν Πέμπη τό βράδυ, σε συζήτηση άποκατά, με τό μέλλον του Χάνσεν.

Ελτός και ή γυναίκα του, αισθάνονται άραδί μοναχικά και πλήξη, έμαθε, διότι ή ελάσιση γνώση πής 'Αγγλικής γλώσσας τους έκει περιορίσει ό άσφικτικό στόχος τέσσερις τόκους τό σπιτιού τους. 'Η άπομνημόνηση λοιπόν ό άναός τήν τείνοντα Χάνσεν νά άκεφτείται οσάδωρή τήν έπιστροφή στην Πατρίδα του πολύ σύντομα, όσφικτά ή νά μικρό χρονικό διάστημα.

Μέχρι τήν Πέμπη τό βράδυ άόμνη και ό Μακάρην μιλούσε άποσβετικά γιά τό σκέδια του Χάνσεν.

Τό μόνο που μπορούσε νά όηλώσει με άπόλυτη βεβαιότητα ήταν ή δέσμευση τό Χάνσεν γιά ένα άόμνη χρόνο από τό διετές συμβόλαιό του. Πιστευει λοιπόν ό Μακάρην ότι άποόδοτησε σκέδιο του Χάνσεν γιά όριδική άναχώρηση από τήν Αυστραλία δά μπορεί νά έ φαρμακείο χωρίς συνέπεια μετά τό τέλος τής νέας αοίαν.

Είναι όμως ή νοσταλγία που άασκεί τόν Χάνσεν, και γιτί;

Ό ζανθόμλλη έπορτί έρας από τήν ημέρα που βρέθηκε στην Αυστραλία συμπεριφέρεται σάν έπαλ γελωτίας ποδοσφαιρίστη, παρά τήν πρόβλεψη του άπο έρασφικτικό ποδόσφαιρο και τήν έλαξη ή.

Δίγο πριν ή 'Ηχώ πάει στό τυπογραφείο πληροφωρήθηκε με τό σήριαλ Χάνσεν, έχει οικονομική ύπόθεση.

Συγκεκριμένα ό γκολκίπερ εμφανίστηκε στην τελευταία συνέντευξη τής Χέλλας και ζήτησε χρηματική βοήθεια, γιά νά μείνει στην Αυστραλία και νά συνεχίσει νά άγωνίζεται με τήν Χέλλας.

"Ένας έμμεσος έκδιασμός, θά λέγαμε, διότι ό Χάνσεν γνωρίζει ότι είναι ό μοναδικός άντικαταστάτης του Ρέιλυ, τό μέλλον του όποιον είναι άέθλια.

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# ROY COLLINS WINS AGAIN

## ... and Cele's loss is Pedro's gain

Roy Collins, the skilful dribbler of Sunbury (Vic) has won his second league best player award in three years.

Collins polled 26 votes to win the best and fairest award of the Victorian Provisional League Second Division.

In 1976, while with Green Gully Ajax, Collins was voted best and fairest player in the Metropolitan League First Division, polling 24 votes, one more than joint runners-up Joe Szabo (Melbourne) and Bobby Saunders (Waverley).

Runners-up to Collins this time were Yasar Behich of Royal Park and evergreen Bobby Pocock who was previously with Keilor Australia and Sunshine City. Bobby is the older brother of Sunshine centre forward Ray Pocock.

The most disappointed man in soccer at the moment must be Keilor City player-coach Cele Presilski.

He topped the Metropolitan League First Division poll with 23 votes but was disqualified, having been sent off during the season and found guilty.

Presilski, formerly of Makedonia, polled 13 votes last year.

Due to his disqualification, this year's First Division award went to centre back Pedro Santos of Keilor-Australia, who played for River Plate and Montevideo in Uruguay.

Santos, 35, has long been a leading vote-getter in these awards. He was equal second last year when he and Mark Karapatsos (Western Suburbs) both polled 20 votes.

Ironically, he wins the award this year with only 19 votes.

In 1976, Santos came fourth with 18 votes in the Second Division.

Karapatsos, who has come third with 16 votes this time, has also been a regular vote-getter for some years. The former Fitzroy-Alexander midfielder polled 16 in 1976 and 20 last year.

Eddy Kupiez of Ardeer continues to poll among the leading group. One of the finest midfielders in the Metropolitan League for about 15 years now, Kupiez is player-coach of Ardeer after spending last year with Polonia.

Before that he was with Keilor City.

Among the notable absentees from the list of leading vote-getters are the First Division's leading scorer, Roy Hamilton, and his Croydon team mates Steve McCombe, Alan Pongho and Pat Lawrie.

Western Suburbs' Mike Glykokalamos (ex-Alexander) also had a good season but is not among the leaders.

Former Hellas and Victorian State star John Bedford takes off the Second Division award with 21 votes - one more than runner-up Danny Aceski of Footscray J.U.S.T.

Billy Rae of Melbourne, who came third with 19, also figured among the leaders in 1976 when he received 18 votes while playing for Albion Rovers.

Kyriakidis of Fitzroy-Alexander, who won the award with 30 points last year, managed only 16 this time to finish equal fourth.

Alex Straubinger of Richmond continues polling well. This time he has 16 votes, last year he came second with 26 votes and in 1976, while with Keilor City, he had 17 to finish on the fifth line of voting.

Straubinger previously played for Albion and Hakoah.

Rajko Curcija (Richmond), the top scorer in the Second Division, polled 12 votes, the same number as last year when he was with Etham. He came third in the Third Division in 1976 with 17 votes.

Charlie Deguara of Broadmeadows won the Third Division award this time, after finishing third last year and fourth in 1976.

Former Slavia player Dave McFarlane of Morwell Falcons, who came third in Division Four last year, finished second to Deguara with 18 votes.

Coburg's Bobby Malcolm, the award winner in 1977, polled only 10 votes this time.

Parsons of Park Rangers had a three-point win over Gerry Boggan of Sandringham in Division Four.

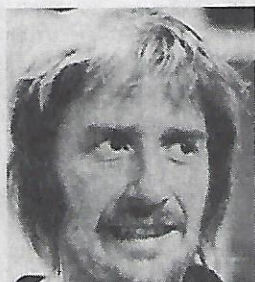
Another Park Rangers man, John Clemie, won the award in 1976.

Boggan had 11 votes in 1976, when his Sandringham team mate George Drda (ex-Slavia) finished third behind Anderson of Rosebud and Burrese of Monash University.

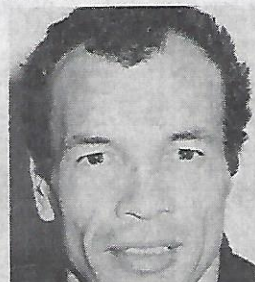
Dino DeMarchi, the former Juventus star in his first year of Metropolitan League soccer, polled 14 votes to lead his Fawkner team mates Mainenti (13), Carlo Sabidussi (12)



Keilor City player coach Cele Presilski (left), with Sandringham's Gerry Boggan. Presilski polled most votes in the First Division but was disqualified. Boggan was runner-up in the Fourth Division voting.



Sunbury's Roy Collins - the Provisional League Division two trophy is his second league award. He was best player in the Metro First Division while with Green Gully in 1976.



Pedro Santos of Keilor-Australia. He was named best and fairest in the Metro First Division after Cele Presilski was disqualified.

and Dario Epifano (10). Those three also played for Juventus, and Epifano had a stint with George Cross as well.

Anderson (Rosebud) who won the Fourth Division award in 1976, polled 13 votes this time in the First Division of the Provisional League. Winner there is Colin Mitchell of Frankston Pines, who was with Slavia last year.

In 1977, Anderson finished on the third line of voting, behind winner Gallecher of Clayton.

Leading vote-getters in all divisions:

### METROPOLITAN LEAGUE

#### FIRST DIVISION

P. SANTOS (Keilor-Australia)	19
R. TAYLOR (Box Hill)	17
M. KARAPATSOS (Western Suburbs)	16
I. TUFFIELD (Box Hill)	16
J. MCMINNIE (Doveton)	16
S. MOORE (Western Suburbs)	15
B. KENT (Waverley)	14
D. SMITH (Croydon)	13
B. RODERICK (Doveton)	13
J. DYKUN (Ardeer)	12
D. PARKER (Dandenong)	11
G. TSAKALIDIS (Collingwood)	11
W. BUCHANAN (Dandenong)	11

#### SECOND DIVISION

J. BEDFORD (Knox City)	21
D. ACESKI (Footscray JUST)	20
W. RAE (Melbourne)	19
I. KYRIAKIDIS (Fitzroy-Alexander)	19
A. HOLT (Ferntree Gully)	16
S. KYPREOS (Port Melbourne)	16
A. STRAUBINGER (Richmond)	16

D. ABELA (St. Albans)	13
J. HOWARTH (Knox City)	12
R. TALEF (Bell Park)	12
J. ALEXIOU (Port Melbourne)	12
R. CURCJIA (Richmond)	12
S. JURINA (Melbourne)	11
D. ORTIZ (Bell Park)	11
P. PAPAS (Port Melbourne)	11

#### THIRD DIVISION

C. DEGUARA (Broadmeadows)	19
D. McFARLANE (Morewell Falcons)	18
S. GREGORY (Moorabbin)	17
J. HARDING (Yallourn)	17
R. RYFF (Chelsea)	15
A. COPELAND (Doncaster Rovers)	14
K. COYLE (Heidelberg)	14
P. WILLEMBERG (Doncaster Rovers)	13
S. GADD (Doncaster Rovers)	13
N. HAUPT (Chelsea)	13
R. FORSYTH (Doncaster Rovers)	12
R. AMOS (Werribee)	12
D. DE MARCHI (Fawkner)	11
A. WILMOT (Coburg)	11
S. CONNELL (Yallourn)	11

#### FOURTH DIVISION

R. PARSONS (Park Rangers)	22
G. BOGGAN (Sandringham)	19
J. WALLACE (Cauffield)	17
I. JOHNSON (Ringwood United)	17
R. DE MARCHI (Fawkner)	14
E. HUGHES (Mornington)	13
A. MAINENTI (Fawkner)	13
E. GOISER (Corio)	13
M. DELOSA (Cauffield)	12
M. LALETAS (Clayton)	12
C. SABIDUSSI (Fawkner)	12
W. ASHTON (Park Rangers)	12
P. REARDON (Werribee)	12
M. PAISLEY (Werribee)	11

### PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

#### FIRST DIVISION

C. MITCHELL (Frankston Pines)	32
K. MIDDLEMAST (Nunawading)	24
G. RYKERS (Ballarat)	18
A. CHUNG (Keysborough)	15
K. MEADOWS (Geelong)	14
P. MILLAR (Geelong)	14
G. BARTH (Hamlyn Rangers)	14
C. JEAN (Keysborough)	14
B. ANDERSON (Rosebud)	13
A. FOX (North Dandenong)	11

#### SECOND DIVISION

R. COLLINS (Sunbury)	26
R. POCOCK (Melton)	21
Y. BEHICH (Royal Park)	21
C. RIZZO (Thomastown)	16
G. ROBERTS (Royal Park)	14
J. LOGAN (Karingal)	13
T. GATONIS (Hawthorn)	13
B. DJORDJEVIC (Carlton)	13
A. WOLCZEK (Melton)	12
C. McCUSKEY (Bendigo)	12
Z. NOWAK (Bendigo)	11

## District League

Regent's players don't need to be reminded of the perils of 0-0.

0-0 of a goal is all that stood between them and possible promotion to the Provisional League after they had won a stirring battle with Nunawading United.

Regent, scoring first, seemed to have achieved their objective when they got to a 3-1 lead, thanks to Frankie Dallas (2) and Marko Valenti, but Nunawading's Van der Mat dashed their hopes with his second goal.

A determined Pascoe Vale made champions South Oakleigh fight all the way but that man Terry Kondakostas rounded off a good season with the winner.

Division One champions: South Oakleigh runners up: Nunawading.

Relegated: Pascoe Vale and Hampton. Reserve champions: Boronia.

At the wrong end of the table, Mitcham pulled off a Houndst act, thrashing Berwick City 3-0, to avoid relegation on goal average.

Division Two honours went to - Champions: Thornbury, promoted, Hawksburn; Relegated: North Melbourne and Kensington. Reserve champions: Hawksburn.

Division Three honours - champions: Cheltenham, promoted; Diamond Creek, relegated; Central Brunswick and Noble Park.

In Division Four, Malvern City had a clear-cut 7-2 win over Vermont to win the championship.

Malvern's goals came from Mick Papasteriada (3), Steve Aslanakos (2) and Mike Linakis (2).

Division Four honours - champions: Malvern City, promoted; Central City, Reserve champions: Central City.

District League Cup Semi-Finals: East Canton v Hawksburn, Cheltenham v Burnley, Reserve Semi-Finals: Morialac v South Oakleigh, Vermont v North Sunshine. Venues to be decided this week.

## Cumming is favorite

From page one

Although it may not be as good as playing for a top Scottish side, at least the pay in Australia was better.

At Johnston Borough, Cumming was paid 10 pounds a win and about four pounds a loss.

Crowds ranged from 200 to perhaps 1000.

One of the highlights of his time with Johnston Borough was playing against Dick Deane in 1974.

A boy from the district had died in a soccer game, so Celtic sent a squad to play against Tommy's team in a match to raise money for the boy's family.

The Celtic side which included Deane and a few other senior players, won 7-2.

Playing with Sunshine City, Cumming scored 12 league goals in 1976 and nine in 1977. He was transferred to the club early this year for \$5500 and has scored 12 league goals for his new club.

Asked to name the most difficult opponent he has played against in the State League, he chose Steve Baech of Makedonia.

We asked Cumming, whose contract has another year to run, whether he aimed to play for a Phillips League club.

"I'd consider any offer, but the PSL is very demanding, especially if you're married."

He said his ambition was to be a full-time player. "If I had an offer from Scotland I'd go back immediately," he said. "Being full-time is the ambition of every player."

Previous winners of the Argus and Bill Fleming Medals:

### ARGUS MEDAL

1954 - M. Payne (South Yarra).
1955 - M. Boudon (Juventus).
1956 - R. Wemyss (Polonia) tied with P. Cubero (J.U.S.T.).
1957 - J. McLeod (Box Hill).
1958 - W. Westerveld (Willemshoek).
1959 - A. Drennan (Box Hill).
1960 - W. Janczyk (Polonia).
1961 - F. Falzon (George Cross).
1962 - F. Falzon (George Cross).
1963 - J. Sanchez (Slavia).
1964 - F. Miele (J.U.S.T.).
1965 - G. Scott (Juventus).

### BILL FLEMING MEDAL

1971 - J. Pyrgiolos (Hellas).
1972 - J. Gardiner (George Cross).
1973 - J. Gardiner (George Cross).
1974 - J. Armstrong (Hellas).
1975 - B. Vojtek (Juventus).
1976 - J. Tansey (Slavia).
1977 - M. Watkins (Juventus).

### ROBERTS MEDAL WINNERS

1971 - J. Gardiner (George Cross).
1972 - J. Gardiner (George Cross).
1973 - V. Bannan (Alexander).
1974 - P. Bannan (Alexander).
1975 - D. Baker (Hakoah).
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### Bill Vojtek

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Broadmeadows' all-action midfielder Charlie Deguara best and fairest player in the Metro Third Division.

RIGHT: Knox City's John Bedford - Metro League Second Division best player. LEFT: Frankston Pines' Colin Mitchell, best and fairest in Provisional League Division One.





